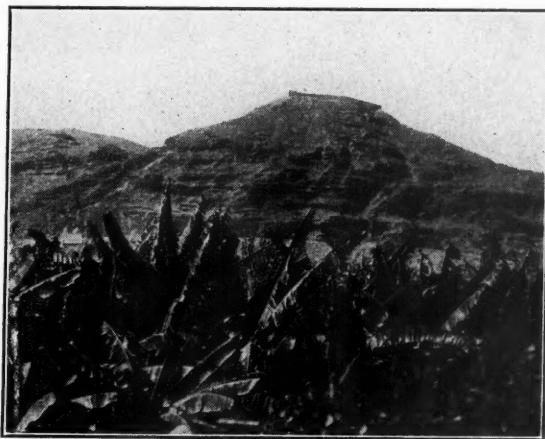


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Mount of Temptation



FROM the rich greenery of groves and vineyards in the fertile oasis of modern Jericho, one gazes across desolate areas to the imposing Mount of Temptation where Jesus is believed to have been tempted immediately after His baptism. "Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. . . . angels came and ministered unto him." Monasteries have been dotted on the sides of this Sun-scorched peak for centuries.

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A PROPHETIC VOICE "CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS"

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Who Was "Mother Shipton"?

THE name "Mother Shipton" has become legendary throughout the English-speaking world.

Authorities generally agree that this strange character was born in July 1488.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica says: "Tradition has it that her maiden-name was Ursula Southill, and her parents were peasants, living near the Dropping Well, Yorkshire, and that she was born about 1486-1488. She was phenomenally ugly and was regarded by the neighbors as 'the Devil's child'. When about twenty-four she married a builder of York, Tobias Shipton. She is said to have died at Clifton, Yorkshire, in 1561."

After examining all the material available in the British Museum on the subject, W. H. Harrison published his findings in the year 1881 under the title "Mother Shipton Investigated".

He says that the original Shipton prophecies were republished in the year 1641.

Even if no such person as Mother Shipton ever lived; if her alleged existence was only a cleverly invented myth; yet it has been definitely established that the famous prophetic poems attributed to her were in existence as early as 1641 This date would be sufficiently remarkable, for the reason that the writings would then have anticipated many of the world's inventions and discoveries, by more than two hundred years.

How much more amazing do the prophecies appear, if the alleged date of her birth in 1488 be accepted as factual!

William Lilly, who predicted the London Plague and Fire long before they occurred, declared in a pamphlet published in 1645: "Mother Shipton's prophecy was never questioned either for the verity or antiquity: the North of England hath many more of hers."

Harrison says: "She was baptized by the Abbot of Beverly, by the name of Ursula Southill. Her stature was larger than common, her body crooked, her face frightful; but her understanding extraordinary."

Whether true or false, the Shipton legend became so powerfully fixed upon the minds of English-speaking people that it has figured prominently in

pamphlets and almanacs for at least three hundred years.

S. Baker, who published a book about her in 1797, says she foretold the very hour of her own death and departed from this life "with much serenity, A. D. 1561, when upwards of seventy years of age." He said that a monument marked the place of her burial, between the villages of Clifton and Shipton. It bore the following epitaph:

"Here ly's she who never ly'd,
Whose skill often has been try'd,
Her prophecies shall still survive,
And ever keep her name alive."

Great Britain's well known humorous

Gold shall be found and shown
In a land that's not now known.
Fire and water shall wonders do,
England shall at last admit a foe.
*The world to an end shall come
In eighteen hundred and eighty-one.*

Here we have automobiles and railroad trains, radio and telegraph, mountain highways, tunnels through mountains, tunnels under rivers, submarines, air machines, steamships, gold in America, and an invasion of Great Britain.

The last lines about the world coming to an end in 1881, have of course served to discredit the prophecy as a whole. But this need not be the case when the true facts are known.

Concerning this matter, the Encyclopaedia Britannica says that Charles Hindley confessed, in 1873, to having deliberately forged these two lines in an edition of the poem which he had published many years before.

Nevertheless, alarm spread throughout England, as the year 1881 approached.

One of the most sensational prophecies credited to Mother Shipton had to do with Cardinal Wolsey, the duke of Suffolk and other men prominent at the court of Henry VIII. Baker describes this incident as follows:

"When Cardinal Wolsey intended to remove his residence to York, she announced that he would never reach the city. The

Cardinal sent three lords of his retinue in disguise, to inquire whether she had made such a prediction, and to threaten her if she persisted in it. She was then living in a village called Dring Houses, a mile to the west of the city. The retainers, led by a guide named Beasley, knocked at the door.

"Come in, Mr. Beasley, and three noble lords with you," said Mother Shipton.

"She then treated them civilly, by setting oatcakes and ale before them.

"You gave out," said they, "the Cardinal should never see York."

"No," she replied, "I said he might see it, but never come to it."

"They responded: 'When he does come he'll surely burn thee.' . . .

"Cardinal Wolsey, on his arrival at Cawood, ascended the castle tower, and

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A reproduction of an old drawing portraying Mother Shipton. Note the similarity between this, and England's humorous character, called "Punch".

magazine "Punch" is supposed to have originated with this legend. It will be recalled that the figure appearing on the front cover of every issue of the witty English journal, resembles the early pictures of this strange woman.

Although there are hundreds of lines of poetic prophecy attributed to Mother Shipton, Harrison selected the following doggerel as a fair summary:

Carriages without horses shall go,
And accidents fill the world with woe.
Around the earth thoughts shall fly
In the twinkling of an eye;
The world upside down shall be,
And gold be found at the root of a tree.
Through hills man shall ride,
And no horse be at his side.
Under water men shall walk,
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.
In the air men shall be seen
In white, in black, in green;
Iron in the water shall float,
As easily as a wooden boat.

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Defenders' Song, "Faith of Our Fathers"

Defenders' Motto, "Back to the Bible"

A Biblical Analysis of the Nation's Plight

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

CHRISTIANS who had hoped for a moral and spiritual renaissance on November 3, 1936, woke up the morning of the fourth with an awful headache. . . .

Bishop George Berkeley is sometimes called the "great American prophet". He foresaw a Utopian future for our Country. His prophecies were written in the form of poetry.

Coming from England to the United States in the year 1728, at the age of forty-four, he settled in Rhode Island. Many of his prophecies have been fulfilled with remarkable exactness. Some still point to the future. But from all indications, his American Utopia is not yet in sight.

Bishop Berkeley emphasized the fact that the development of civilization follows the westward course of the Sun—from Babylon to Greece and Rome; from Germany to England; from France to Spain; from Europe to America.

This mysterious and invisible westward pull brought Columbus to a new world. Berkeley wrote:

"Westward the course of Empire takes its way,
The four acts already past;
A fifth shall close the drama with the day;
Time's noblest offspring is the last."

For centuries, the flow of civilization has been from east to west. But today, an eastern undertow is sweeping beneath the foundations of the western world.

Plotting on the part of a ring of international schemers is resulting in widespread maladjustment. The nations of the west are being impregnated with Asiatic and Semitic ideas.

An under-current of Soviet propaganda is causing the United States and other nations to turn their eyes toward the east. This abnormal tendency, contrary to the laws of both God and nature, has upset the world's equilibrium.

Persons who doubt that Asiatic-Jewish Communism is eating like a canker, at the vitals of our government, are simply too dull to understand what is taking place in Washington!

History Repeating Itself

There is a remarkable parallelism

between America's present departure from her historic moorings, and the fatal mistake which ancient Israel made in renouncing her God-given government under the Judges.

The pathetic plea of Samuel, in which he urged his people to remain true to the "old paths", was followed by a stern warning of what would happen to them if they persisted in a wrong choice.

Every word that the great statesman said to Israel, as recorded in the eighth chapter of first Samuel, is applicable to the citizens of the United States today. The crux of his closing message was an appeal to preserve the sacred liberties which had been built up by the Judges.

Other nations had kings. . . .

Instead of being content to continue as a theocracy and thus enjoy a unique and distinctive type of government, the Israelites preferred to take on the ways of their environment.

"Make us a king to judge us like all the nations", they clamored.

"But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord."

So also, the United States is today being beguiled into becoming like the other nations which have forsaken God and abolished the personal liberties of the masses.

Democracies are crumbling. Dictatorships are arising. Instead of pursuing the course which we have traveled for 160 years—a course that has given us more liberty for a longer period of time than any other nation has ever enjoyed, we are trailing off after countries in which the people are compelled to live under systems of tyranny.

Samuel warned against State Socialism and the centralization of government. Every word of his description of the sufferings to which Israel would be subjected, if she followed other nations by establishing a monarchy, may be consistently applied to the United States in the crisis through which we are now passing.

Let us, at this time, examine his closing speech, step by step. . . .

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," he reminded the assembled leaders of Israel to whom he was speaking. But

they only cried the louder: "Give us a king."

This attitude on their part broke Samuel's heart and he was only comforted when the voice of the Lord told him: "They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them."

It is hard for level headed thinkers to deal with a nation that has been overtaken by a mob spirit!

Samuel then warned the leaders that a change in their form of government would mean that the new ruler would "take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots."

In modern vernacular we would call this Regimentation, or a Collectivist State. For ancient Israel it meant a government *by men* instead of a government *by law*. Until that time they had a constitution which protected them against one-man power, throughout the thirteen tribes.

"And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest. . . . And he will take your fields and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them."

Here we have a plain statement of government control of the soil. No dictator can long remain in authority unless he has absolute power over the ground from which the physical necessities of life are produced.

Ever since the Communists gained control of Russia, the rulers have taken away the crops from the farmers and peasants year after year. Millions of Russians have starved to death in the presence of plenty, because the soldiers of Stalin and Company confiscated the grain and shipped it abroad to be "dumped" on the markets of the world at low prices.

By controlling the soil, dictators are able to keep the stomachs of their subjects empty. Thus, the weakened and downtrodden masses are unable to revolt against their tormentors. In current political parlance, this is called "planned scarcity." The farmers of the United States got their first taste of it under the AAA!

" . . . and to make his instruments of war . . . "

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN detested dry sermons. He once said: "When I hear a man preach, I like to see him act as if he were fighting bees."

WHEN King Edward VIII renounced the British throne, he went at once to the palatial Jewish estate of Eugene Rothschild in Austria.

DURING the sixteenth century there lived a man in France by the name of Michel Nostradamus whose gift of prophecy stands unquestioned. Even the most skeptical people have been forced to concede the accuracy of many of his prognostications. He is credited with having predicted England's revolution of 1648, an event which took place a century after his death. The following words have been taken by some to refer to the recent abdication of King Edward: "The king of the isles will be banished by fortune; But in his room will be one with never a trace of royalty" . . . Does this mean the early destruction of the British monarchy and the coming of a Communist or Fascist Commoner into power?

SAID Adolf Hitler in his recent Nurnberg speech. "In Russia today 98 per cent of all official positions are held by Jews who not only can never be classed as members of the Proletariat, but who have never earned an honest penny in their lives."

SAID the Red leader V. Molotoff, President of the Soviet Council of Commissars, in a Moscow speech last month: "The German persecution of Jews, is in marked contrast with our respect for this race which gave us Karl Marx. Hitler is using the laws of scapegoats for his nation's internal difficulties, whereas in the Soviet Union active anti-Semites are shot."

DISPATCHES say that Hitler has just issued a decree forbidding the use of wheat and rye for making whisky in Germany. The Associated Press called this a "blow at John Barleycorn."

A PRESS REPORT in the *New York Times* says that Germany's population

is divided as follows: 41 million Protestants, 20 million Catholics, 500,000 other Christians, 400,000 Jews, 2,700,000 without any religious faith. Thus, Germany is one of the three leading Protestant countries of the world.

CHRISTIANS hate war and love peace. But patriots will beware of that brand of "professional pacifism", directed from Moscow, which would have other countries disarm, while Russia continues to build the most powerful military machine the world has ever known.

A JEWISH Rabbi of Houston, Texas recently arranged for two "pinks" to deliver addresses before the white and negro high schools of his city, under the auspices of the Communist "League Against War and Fascism." Informed citizens rose up and demanded cancellation of the addresses. Thereupon, school authorities forbade the use of the buildings, saying: "Some of these complaints come from citizens whose judgment we can not ignore."

EARLY in December, a Jewish Rabbi of Rock Island, Illinois arranged a public meeting for the purpose of raising money to help the Communist armies in Spain. Protests on the part of irate citizens caused two hotels and an auditorium to cancel reservations for the speakers. The meeting was held any way; a few hundred dollars was raised; and the Rabbi publicly attacked those who opposed the gathering. He read the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States to prove that he had a right to the exercise of free speech.

HOW MUCH longer are Methodist laymen going to tolerate the radical activities of their Bishop Francis J. McConnell? . . . His latest outburst is the circulation of a "release" among newspapers lending his support to the savage Red hordes who are pillaging Spain, destroying churches, and slaughtering Christians. He does this by making it appear that the enemies of Communism in Spain are attacking Protestants. But everybody knows the Reds are responsible for the present atrocities, that churches were being destroyed and Christians murdered according to orders issued from Moscow, months before the soldiers of Franco launched their attack against the Communist rulers of Madrid.

JOSEPH E. DAVIES, Washington lawyer who is reported to have contributed over \$20,000.00 to Roosevelt's campaign fund, has been appointed ambassador to Russia. From Moscow comes a press dispatch saying that the Soviet leaders are "keenly gratified" over the appointment.

LEON TROTSKY, whose real Jewish name is Bronstein, has been invited by the Mexican government to settle in Mexico City. This would put him near his old cronies of the Wall Street Jewish banking fraternity — the men who furnished the money to finance the bloody revolution which he and Lenin brought upon Russia nineteen years ago.

ALTHOUGH the rulers of Moscow profess to despise Trotsky, it is becoming increasingly evident that he is serving as their secret agent in his travels from one country to another. Having established what he calls the Fourth International, he is more active today in promoting worldwide terroristic revolution than ever before in his life.

BISHOP Michael J. Gallagher, who presides over the diocese to which Charles Coughlin belongs, said in Detroit a few days ago: "Communists may sieze this city and start a red terror. We may not exactly be sitting on a volcano, but we are in danger within three or four years. Catholics must show some of the zeal shown by the emissaries of Moscow."

A CAMPAIGN of vilification has been launched against Christian patriots in the United States. As the tide of patriotism continues to rise, the so-called Liberals are getting jittery. We now find them resorting to the most despicable methods in an attempt to confuse the popular mind. They are trying to make it appear that all the enemies of Communism are Fascists, ignoring the fact that practically every opponent of the Red menace is likewise a defender of Constitutional government. A lengthy article along this line, attacking many of America's principal patriotic leaders, was recently distributed to newspapers by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate from Washington.

IN HIS determination to surpass England as a naval power, Mussolini keeps reminding the Italian people that their country is an "insular nation." He said in a recent speech: "This is the only method for putting the problems of naval defense of the nation in their true light. Italy is an island rising in the Mediterranean."

THERE IS 1 radio to every 6 persons in the U. S.; there is 1 radio to every 17 persons in Europe. There is 1 telephone to every 7 persons in the U. S.; there is 1 telephone to every 35 persons in Europe. There is 1 automobile to every 5 persons in the U. S.; there is 1 automobile to every 59 persons in Europe. There is an average of \$864.00 insurance for every citizen in the U. S.; there is \$69.00 insurance for every citizen in Europe.

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Every dictator is a war-lord.

"And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work."

Under Communism, every laborer works for the government. He is not allowed to choose his job. He is not allowed to quit one line of work and take up another.

The laboring man of Russia is the most pitiful human being in the world. He is not permitted to vote, exercise free speech, own property, or worship God. He is a slave in the truest sense of the term!

Samuel closed his speech with this solemn admonition: "And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the Lord will not hear you in that day."

If the United States persists in its present evil tendency toward dictatorship and the centralization of government in Washington, she will look back in a few years and curse the date of November 3, 1936, which marks the time when a decided step in the direction of one-man power was taken.

Samuel brought his appeal to an end but the people were so obsessed with the idea of "Liberalism" that they refused to give heed to his mature advice. We read:

"Nevertheless the people refused to

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while viewing York, eight miles off, vowed he would burn the witch when he reached there. But ere he descended the stairs, a message from the King demanded his presence forthwith, and while on his journey to London he was taken ill and died at Leicester."

The picture accompanying this article, reproduced from a very old drawing, is supposed to illustrate the foregoing experience in the life of this woman — in the center there appears a figure which is supposed to represent Mother Shipton; in the lower left-hand corner are the three messengers of Cardinal Wolsey who called on her; the upper left section shows the Cardinal standing in the tower viewing York, which is indicated in the upper right-hand corner. Other figures in the drawing have no meaning as far as the Wolsey incident is concerned...

Regardless of the origin of the Shipton prophecies, their very existence and preservation for such a long period of time, illustrates the inherent interest which everybody has in the general subject of prophecy. There is a desire in every heart to know the future.

Prophecy has therefore played a far greater part in the lives of men and nations than many realize.

While people of exceptional psychical and spiritual gifts have appeared at different times in the world's history, attracting public attention because of their ability to somewhat unfold future events, yet the natural thirst of the human heart for prophetic wisdom can be quenched only by studying the Word of God.

obey his voice; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; *That we may also be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.*"

Thereupon, Samuel disbanded the gathering, dismissed the crowd, and said: "Go ye every man into his own city."

From that hour the fate of Israel was decided.

Divine Origins

In order to get a correct understanding of the catastrophic change which took place in Samuel's kingdom, and to complete the analogy between Israel and the United States, we must go back to the origin of both nations...

The institution of the Judges began about the middle of the fifteenth century B. C. The system was inaugurated by divine command. Each Judge was supposed to live such an exemplary life that he could interpret the mind and will of God for the people. It was therefore a theocratic form of government.

The plan was kept in operation more than one hundred years. During this period, fifteen Judges ruled the nation. Their names were as follows: Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah and Barak (these two ruled jointly), Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, Samson, Eli and Samuel.

"Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them."

The first Judge was selected in the following manner: "And when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother." Othniel came from the tribe of Judah.

Ehud was of the tribe of Benjamin.

Shamgar was of the tribe of Judah.

Deborah and Barak were of the tribe of Ephraim.

Gideon was of the tribe of Manasseh.

Abimelech was of the tribe of Ephraim.

Tola was of the tribe of Manasseh.

Jair was of the tribe of Manasseh.

Jephthah was of the tribe of Gad.

Ibzan's tribal connection is unknown.

Elon was of the tribe of Zebulon.

Abdon was of the tribe of Ephraim.

Samson was of the tribe of Dan.

Eli was of the tribe of Ephraim.

Samuel was of the tribe of Benjamin.

The Judges had no specific headquarters as the center of Israel's government. They ruled from different cities. There was no centralized seat

of authority. Jerusalem was later selected as the place of authority.

Convocations of one kind or another were called from time to time. Such gatherings were of course attended by leaders of the various tribes.

Josephus, the noted Jewish historian, describes the reign of Gideon as follows: "Gideon distributed justice to the people as they came to him in their differences; and what he determined was esteemed valid by all."

On the other hand, Abimelech, Gideon's successor, proved to be a wicked autocrat. Josephus says: "Abimelech made the government tyrannical, and constituted himself a lord, to do what he pleased, instead of obeying the laws; and he acted most rigidly against those that were the patrons of justice."

Abimelech was a "Liberal". He entertained delusions of grandeur. He attempted to abolish the constitution of Israel. To him, orderly government was something that should be relegated to the days of the "horse and buggy."

When his ideas became fully known throughout the nation, the thirteen tribes rose up, employed their constitutional powers, and ousted the haughty tyrant from office. "The Shechemites drove Abimelech away, both from their city and their tribe."

A further study of the true nature of Israel's government under the Judges is provided by an incident which occurred during the reign of Eli...

Boaz, a man of great wealth, desired to make Ruth, a humble gleaner, his wife. When legal difficulties were encountered, Josephus says that "about noon Boaz went down into the city, and gathered the senate together, and when he had sent for Ruth, he called for her kinsmen also."

So, even in those early times, we find that the Israelites were far from being a wild, lawless, nomad people. They were governed by a constitution. They had a "SENATE".

Josephus also gives a detailed description of the government as it existed under Samuel, the last Judge. We read:

"But Samuel the prophet, when he had ordered the affairs of the people after a convenient manner, and had appointed a city for every district of them, he commanded them to come to such cities, to have the controversies that they had one with another determined in them, he himself going over those cities twice in a year, and doing the justice; and by that means he kept them in very good order for a long time."

As old age crept up on Samuel, he shared the responsibilities of his office with his sons. These young men turned out to be dissolute characters who abused the authority entrusted to them.

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Israel chafed under this arrangement for a time, but finally appropriated the constitutional powers which the tribes possessed and drove the sons from office. Josephus says:

"But the people, upon these injuries offered to their former CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT by the prophet's sons, were very uneasy at their actions, and came running to the prophet, who then lived at the city Ramah, and informed him of the transgressions of his sons; and said, That as he was himself old already, and too infirm by that age of his to oversee their affairs in the manner he used to do, so they begged of him, and entreated him, to appoint some person to be king over them.

"These words greatly afflicted Samuel, on account of his innate love of justice, and his hatred for KINGLY GOVERNMENT."

In other words, the aged statesman knew that the personal liberties of his people were then hanging in the balances.

The selection of a king, the establishing of a monarchy, would mean that the power to rule would be concentrated in the hands of ONE MAN, with a central government in ONE CITY. Until that time, the powers of government had been distributed throughout the thirteen tribes!

But for the present, the main point that I desire to emphasize, is the fact that both the system of the Judges and the government of the United States, originated under divine leadership. An examination of the early history of the two nations shows this to be true.

As one studies the dawn of American civilization, his attention is called to a series of unmistakable providences which disclose the hand of God at work, ordering the course of our future. No other country enjoys the kind of spiritual heredity and lofty traditions which belong to the American people.

Will we sacrifice these providential blessings in order to become like other nations? Or will we profit from the bitter experiences of ancient Israel?...

Columbus left Spain, with his little fleet of three vessels, August 3, 1492. After they had been out of sight of land for several weeks, a strong wind came up and forced them to turn southwest.

Had they continued in their course, they would have passed north of the Bahamas, out of sight of land, become

involved in the current of the Gulf Stream, and eventually landed on the shores of North Carolina.

A wind turned them South. Consequently Columbus discovered the West Indies rather than America.

God was working through that wind!

Solomon said that "God hath gathered the wind in his fist."

Had it not been for the wind which Columbus encountered, the pagan Roman Catholic flag of Ferdinand and Isabella would have been lifted on American soil. It is at once obvious that an act of divine providence preserved this part of the world to become a Protestant beacon-light to the other nations of earth

The government of ancient Israel was born of religious impulses. The government of the United States was born of religious impulses. When the early settlers arrived on the Atlantic seaboard, their first trust was placed in God. They fastened the very roots of this new country in the Christian Scriptures. They were the most enlightened and God-fearing group of people in the world at that time.

The government of ancient Israel resulted from oppression—the Egyptian bondage. The government of the United States resulted from oppression—the Pilgrims had fled from England to Holland in search of religious freedom prior to their coming to these shores.

The government of ancient Israel was embodied in thirteen tribes. The original government of the United States was embodied in the thirteen colonies.

The government of ancient Israel forbade any foreigner to ever become ruler of the nation. The Constitution of the United States prohibits any foreigner from ever becoming President of our country.

The Declaration of Independence concludes with these words: "With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence."

America's responsibility to God is great, because of the extraordinary light which she possesses.

States' Rights

As previously indicated, Samuel was an enemy of centralized government. Under the Judges, the boundaries of the thirteen tribes were carefully preserved.

There were religious, political and geographical barriers between them. The Israelitish government was in reality a collective body of thirteen different governments.

Rand-McNally's Bible Atlas places before the reader a large map of Palestine, showing exactly how the land was divided into tribal districts.

Asher, Napthali and Manasseh were in the extreme north. Judah and Simeon were in the south. Dan was the most northern city and Beersheba the most southern. Hence the phrase: "From Dan to Beersheba."

The lines of separation between the tribes were always kept intact. Each tribe was a separate unit, an individual state of the government as a whole.

(In reality there were only twelve divisions, because the Levites being the priestly caste were allowed to move among all tribes.)

When Samuel was finally compelled to comply with the demands of the tribal leaders for a king, a permanent meeting place was established at Mispheh, an elevation near the Sea of the Plain. Jerusalem, the nation's governmental headquarters, was later built near Mispheh.

An authority on ancient Israelitish practices says: "Mispheh became the meeting place of the tribes, the Washington of the Israelite federation. This mountain, which rises nearly 4,000 feet above the level of the sea, on the horizon of Jerusalem, was not made to serve as the site of a great city. On the contrary, it was an excellent spot for those federal diets which were soon to assume a sacred character.

"The ark was never established there; but the *sofet* was induced to make it his habitual residence, and no doubt the political importance of Mispheh had some weight in the selection of Jerusalem for such brilliant destinies."

Josephus tells us that prior to this development, the people were governed from individual cities scattered throughout the various tribes. These cities may be well compared with the capitals of our forty-eight States today.

When the Judges were overthrown by the inauguration of King Saul, Israel's wall of States' Rights began to crack!

It is important to note that the government of the United States, like that of the Judges, was built fundamentally upon the principle of States' Rights. We are a Union of forty-eight "Little Unions." The Constitution has been called from the beginning: "A compact of sovereign states."

Our Union is a combination of forty-eight governments rolled into one!

The purpose of this plan has always been to keep ONE MAN from seizing the reins at one centralized headquarters. By this means, the personal liberties of our citizens are safeguarded.


In Judges 2:17 we are told that Israel "went a whoring after other gods." This is exactly what the United States is doing today in allowing our national government to be borne along on the tide of dictatorship, toward the tragic end which has come upon the people of Europe.

Because of the changes that have recently developed in Washington, States' Rights are today in jeopardy. Persistent rumors declare that the Brain Trust has already drafted a plan for dividing the Country into "regional districts." The New Dealers know they will have to break down the forty-eight local units if they are to succeed in thrusting the long arm of their centralized bureaucracy into the personal lives of our citizens

Long before the writing of the Constitution, the colonies developed certain individual characteristics which automatically made each separate from all the others.

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Anglo-Saxon spirit and the blue-blooded aristocracy of England. It boasted of both its Protestant faith and white skin. To these people, their state was a new Promised Land flowing with milk and honey.

Maryland was different. Roman Catholics had settled there. The first Bishop to come to these shores concentrated his labors upon Maryland. He was from a rich family in England.

Pennsylvania was populated largely by Quakers, the high and low classes of Germans, and the followers of Martin Luther. They loved peace and hated war.

New York was the home of the Holland Dutch. They were strongly anti-Catholic and became traders on both land and sea.

Connecticut and Rhode Island served as an asylum for the pious followers of Roger Williams. Massachusetts was the home of the Pilgrims who feared God and loved their fellowman.

Maine being pro-French and French Catholic, was entirely unlike any other section of the new world.

The southern states were populated by cotton growers and slave-owners who shared large land grants from English bankers.

Out of this individualism, the doctrine of States' Rights came forth like a flower from the bud. Each state was proud of its geographical position, traditions and possessions. Each thought it was better situated than the others.

Cold weather forced the northern colonies to be thrifty and frugal. Fur and minerals added to their potential wealth.

The southern climate produced a different type of citizenry. To them, cotton, tobacco and tropical fruits were the most precious things in the world.

Rivalry developed between the colonies. Hatred even showed its ugly face. Some groups carried chips on their shoulders. Barriers developed to keep one from infringing upon another.

These facts were in the background, buried deep in the minds of the men who assembled in Philadelphia to draft the Constitution.

Article Four of the Constitution deals exclusively with this subject and concludes with the following declaration: "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence."

In defense of States' Rights, Alexander Hamilton said: "I insist that it never can be the interest or desire of the national legislature to destroy the state governments. It can derive no ad-

vantage from such an event; but, on the contrary, would lose an indispensable support, a necessary aid in executing the laws, and conveying the influence of government to the doors of the people. The Union is dependent on the will of the state governments for its chief magistrate, and for its Senate. The blow aimed at the members must give a fatal wound to the head, and THE DESTRUCTION OF THE STATES MUST BE AT ONCE A POLITICAL SUICIDE. Can the national government be guilty of this madness?"

Brain Trusters, please note the above statement!

Chief Justice Chase said: "It may be not unreasonably said that the preservation of the states and the maintenance of their governments are as much within the design and care of the Constitution as the preservation of the Union and the maintenance of the national government. The Constitution, in all its provisions, looks to an indestructible Union composed of indestructible states."

It is significant that States' Rights should have figured so prominently in both ancient Israel and our Country.

When Israel accepted a king, she developed a CENTRALIZED government.

The United States is moving in the same direction with unmistakable rapidity. We are following the example of the nations of Europe. The policies of the New Dealers are all directed toward the same end—namely the centralization of power in Washington.

Ominous Signs

A strange, insidious something is creeping over our Country. Millions of people seem to be in a stupor. The magnitude of the destructive forces released upon the nation seems to hold them spellbound.

The day after the election, Rev. Charles Coughlin said these words: "President Roosevelt can be dictator if he wants to. The minority is now purely theoretical. We have a one-party system. President Roosevelt has more power than any man ever had in the world. In the future, historians will devote less time to Caesar and Napoleon and more to Franklin Roosevelt."

That the President expects to use all the new instruments of power which have been placed at his disposal, is evi-

dent from advance notices being issued from Washington. Both the Legislative and Judicial wings of the national government are entirely at his mercy.

On December 10, 1936, the following announcement came over the radio: "We are about to make an announcement which will rock America and which will make the present crisis in England resulting from King Edward's abdication fade into insignificance."

Then followed a news flash from the War Department at Washington saying that legislation had already been prepared for Congress to enact in January clothing Roosevelt with DICTATORIAL POWERS in the event of war.

Well, everybody knows that war is inevitable!

This simply means that plans are now completed for the eventual unveiling of a Mussolini in the United States. It remains to be seen whether or not the American people will surrender their liberties, and yield to a superman, when the shoe of dictatorship begins to pinch!

Newspaper headlines screamed the morning of December 11: "ASK DICTATOR TO RULE OVER NATION IN WAR." The dispatch said:

"The War Department recommended to Congress today that the President be given dictatorial power over men and materials in time of war. It would be an industrial dictatorship.

"The plan, a revision of the industrial mobilization bill considered by the last Congress, would give the President, in war time, authority to:

"1. Draft into government service the nation's industrial management personnel.

"2. Fix prices of all commodities, and establish a system of priority for delivery of goods required for successful prosecution of the war.

"3. Regulate all commodity exchanges.

"4. Close all securities and stock exchanges for the duration of the war, if thought desirable."

These sweeping demands even surpass the powers delegated by Woodrow Wilson to the international Jewish speculator, Bernard Baruch, during the World War.

Paraphrasing the language of the children of Israel to Samuel, the American people said on November 3, 1936—"GIVE US A DICTATOR TO JUDGE US! GIVE US A DICTATOR, LIKE OTHER NATIONS, TO RULE OVER US! NAY, BUT WE WILL HAVE A DICTATOR OVER US!"

The voters asked for a dictator! And from all indications, it looks like they already have one!

CHARLES LINDBERGH, America's great aviator, is being discussed as the potential Republican candidate for Governor of New Jersey in 1937. Rumors, in certain circles, have been circulated for some time regarding his alleged interest in political matters. His aspirations are said to extend far beyond the State of New Jersey.

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The Slaughter of The Innocents

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

"AND he (the Beast) opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them."

The assault of international Communism against the cause of Jesus Christ, throughout the world, harmonizes exactly with the above prophecy.

Spain's present blood-bath is an example of what happens to Christians wherever the Reds gain control.

Many months of underground planning preceded the establishment of the Soviet government in Spain last year.

As soon as the Moscow "internationalists" assumed control, they sent Marcel Rosenberg, a Jew, to Madrid, ostensibly to fill the office of Soviet Ambassador. Immediately upon his arrival, he reorganized the Spanish government and appointed his own Cabinet to govern the nation.

The new rulers are now taking orders directly from Moscow. When Italy and Germany discovered what was happening, they cooperated with Spanish patriots in precipitating the present revolt.

After spending weeks behind the Soviet lines in Madrid, William P. Carney, a reporter for the *New York Times*, wrote: "There are many RUSSIAN OFFICERS in the Loyalist Air Force. Others are commanding tank companies or artillery units and some even leading infantry columns. I saw several of these Russian officers at the front in University City (near Madrid). They speak no Spanish, but give their orders in French to a Spanish officer who interprets to the men.

"Although the people of Madrid know little about Russia it has become the fashion for them to do nearly everything in what they hope is the Russian manner. Government militiamen, receiving ten pesetas per day, eagerly purchase with their earnings peaked caps decorated with the Communist star, similar to those worn by soldiers in the Soviet Army."

Bela Kun, A Monster of Vice

Moscow had already sent the notorious Bela Kun to Spain prior to the arrival of Rosenberg.

I have just received

a letter from Mr. Kroeker of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, which will inform Defender Readers regarding this monster of human vice, who is more responsible for the present plight of Spanish Christians than any other one person.

Mr. Kroeker is a native of Russia and spent more than sixty years of his life there. He fled to the United States after the revolution. At one time he was the editor of a Russian newspaper. He says:

"The part which the Jew, Bela Kun, had in the Hungarian reign of terror a few years ago is well known, but less known is the unprecedented carnage which he caused in the Crimea, during the winter of 1920-1921.

"The section of southern Russia known as Crimea is a small peninsula extending into the Black Sea, populated by several thousand Russians.

"General Wrangel's White Army was driven into the Crimea by an enemy, several times as large, in November 1920. As many soldiers escaped as possible, by boarding all available ships. They fled across the Black Sea to Constantinople.

"However, the greater part had to remain on the peninsula and hide in caves, mountains and cities.

"Then the Red Army, proclaimed on big placards, a complete amnesty to all former White Army soldiers under two conditions:

"First, all arms were to be surrendered, and, second, every applicant for amnesty had to register, which meant that they were compelled to give their names and exact addresses. This went on until most of those in hiding came out into the open and registered.

"Then all at once Red soldiers surrounded the homes of those who had surrendered, arrested the helpless victims, and mowed them down in a few days of wholesale murder. *It has been estimated that about 100,000 were shot in two or three days.* Many of those unfortunate ones had not entered the White Army of their own free will, but were drafted. Not only soldiers, but innocent people in all walks of life, were slaughtered in cold blood.

"I was in the Crimea during the summer of 1921 and learned that Bela Kun was behind the whole thing.

"When my wife and I read some time before the civil war started in Spain that Bela Kun was there, we said to ourselves that it would not end well for the Spanish people. Beyond doubt this person is one of the most cruel and heartless men in the world. He creates bloodshed wherever Moscow sends him."

The Pogroms Continue

Hatred for Christians exists with greater intensity, in Russia today, than at any time during the last nineteen years—lying Soviet propaganda in American newspapers to the contrary notwithstanding!

Last month, the columns of this Magazine carried a lengthy letter which I wrote to A. A. Troyanovsky, Red Ambassador in Washington, detailing the case of Rev. and Mrs. John Voronaeff who have been held prisoners by the Soviet government over six years.

The only crime committed by these good people is the fact that they are Christian believers.

Although my letter to Troyanovsky called for an immediate answer, three weeks have elapsed and no reply has been received.

(The complete text of my appeal to him, in behalf of the Voronaeffs, has been published in a tract entitled "To The Soviet Ambassador"—price 15 cents per dozen.)

Never before in the history of the world has any group, or sect of religious people, ever suffered the kind of pogroms that the Christians of Russia are enduring today. . . .

There is in southern Russia a district known as Molotshna. It borders the Sea of Azof and gets its name from the Melitopol river.

For several gener-



The above picture from Spain shows Communists at work sealing the door of a Church with bricks and mortar. When the Reds came into power, they ordered all Spanish Churches closed.

ations, Molotshna has been populated by a large colony of God-fearing Mennonites.

Less than two years ago, Soviet authorities ordered the fifteen churches of the community closed. All the preachers were arrested July 6, 1935, snatched from their families and taken into exile to eke out a miserable existence in the prison camps of northern Siberia, working like slaves at "forced labor."

One preacher was sentenced for ten years, another for eight years, three others for six years, and the remainder received sentences from one to five years each.

The members of the fifteen churches were then notified that they would have to pay taxes ranging from ten to twenty thousand rubles a year to keep open.

This was of course humanly impossible because the authorities had already confiscated the earthly possessions of the Christians and reduced them to the state of beggars. Believers are denied the right to own anything or engage in any kind of work for which wages are received.

When they explained their helplessness to pay such staggering sums of taxation, they were forced to sign statements saying that the churches were being turned over to the government "willingly and voluntarily."

Then, at the point of bayonets, they were made to sign another statement renouncing Christianity, declaring that they no longer believed in the existence of God, entreating the authorities to use the buildings as places in which to teach atheism to the young people of Molotshna. . . .

I defy Trojanovsky to deny the veracity of the above statements!

After Roosevelt established diplomatic relations with Moscow in 1935, he said that Christians should feel elated over the promise that he had secured from Finkelstein (alias Litvinoff) to the effect that religious persecution would thereafter be abated.

Now that everybody knows about the pogroms against believers thou-

sands of Christians who opposed the President in recognizing the Soviet government, want to know what he has to say on the subject?

Time, the well known news magazine, reports in its current issue:

"Foreign Minister Litvinoff, having secured Soviet recognition in Washington, went home to Moscow via Rome. When he was asked by the *Eternal City's* Catholic journalists whether the church clause of the Roosevelt agreement was going to hold water he replied with his characteristic wink and shrug. Last week in Moscow, sudden and final violation of what President Roosevelt had thought would be an effective promise, occurred simultaneously with honors for Comrade Litvinoff."

Moscow Pastor Disappears

Jewish citizens were given all the official government positions in Molotshna after the revolution.

In one town, two ignorant Jews, a shoemaker and a tailor, were appointed to the principal places of authority. A Jewess who had formerly been a clerk in a local store, was also given a responsible position over the Gentiles of the community.

In another village, an orthodox priest was tied to the tail of a horse and dragged to a horrible death. His church was burned.

No synagogues have been desecrated in the Molotshna district and no Rabbis have been molested. . . .

What does Roosevelt have to say about the three following developments?

(1) An Associated Press dispatch dated November 12, 1936, from Moscow, says: "Firm measures against religion were approved today at a Communist Party conference at Yaroslavl, north of Moscow."

"The conference decided to increase anti-religious propaganda, to organize councils of 'militant Godless persons' in all districts and to open more anti-religious schools immediately to educate youths."

(2) Soon after Roosevelt established diplomatic relations with the Reds, a representative of the "American Section of the Universal Christian Church" went to Moscow for the purpose of opening a place of worship for the English-speaking people. This was in accordance with the agreement made between Litvinoff and the President.

In Moscow, it was discovered that taxes amounting to \$100,000 a year would have to be paid on a structure costing less than \$4,000.

So the idea of establishing an American church in Moscow was abandoned.

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(3) Both Christians, and government employees of the United States, were recently slapped in the face by another insulting act on the part of Russia's Red rulers:

Mr. George Minor, a diplomatic official connected with the American Embassy, had arranged for his bride to join him in Moscow where they were to be married.

For years, Moscow has had but one Protestant clergyman—Rev. A. Streck, a Lutheran. He is a citizen of the Soviet Union and most Protestant diplomats are in the habit of attending services in his little church. He is therefore affectionately called the "Diplomatic Pastor."

Arrangements for the wedding were carefully made in advance and Mr. Streck was requested to conduct the

ceremony.

Mr. Minor went to the border at Finland to meet his bride. Naturally, all of the employees from the American Embassy had planned to attend the wedding and a gala social occasion was anticipated.

A few hours before the ceremony, Mr. Streck suddenly disappeared—swallowed by the Jewish secret police.

Leningrad's Protestant Pastor, Rev. Michel, had to be brought a distance of 500 miles to handle the service.

Frantic efforts have been made to locate Mr. Streck but all that can be learned is that "Pastor cedit," which means the "Pastor sits," which means he is in jail.

They say he "sits" for the reason that in Moscow the people are afraid to mention the words "G.P.U." or "secret police."

Why a Christian Jew Cannot Be a Jew Nationalist

By Dr. R. H. Spiro, Converted Jewish Minister, Asheville, N. C.

THE Jewish people are distinctive. They are very cohesive. This cohesion is a fact, and its intensity is the result of race, religion and pressure of the outside world.

The Jew is not a "mixer," in the truest sense of that term. True, he is found in every kind of organization in the countries he lives in, and is often prominent in them. But these connections are impositions rather than interpositions.

The Jew has his own program. He does not yield to the plans and purposes of those around him, no matter how small a fraction his own group represents.

He always has his own Synagogue,

lodge, religious school, butcher, baker, youth organization, ladies auxiliaries and charities. He will not yield his group or his philosophy of life to the Gentile world. The Jew is always apart, in relation to the peoples among whom he finds himself.

As a nation the Jew is opposed to the Church and to the Lord Jesus Christ Who founded the Church.

The Jewish nation considers itself as the reservoir of universal Truth and destined to teach the world. But the Jews are unbelievers in reality, and absolutely committed in their opposition to the Christian Faith. The Faith of the Lord Jesus Christ is idiotic and heathenish to the Jew.

The Jewish Christian therefore, or more correctly stated, the converted Christian Jew, must be entirely separated from the Jew nation and its program.

In fact the true Christian Jew is driven away from the house of Israel, by his own attractions and interests. The Spirit of Christ, which is the Divine Spirit, finds opposition in the spirit of the world which is found in national Israel today. These spirits have no fellowship one with another. They are hostile to each other.

The Christian Jew cannot partake of the purposes, operations and spirit of the unbelieving Jewish people. He finds his friends and interests only in Christian groups, where Jesus the Christ is looked to as the Saviour, Lord and Head.

The Christian Jew should be interested only and solely in the Kingdom of God, the supremacy of the Lord Jesus, and therefore can not even fellowship the unbelieving Jewish nation.

The Christian Jew can not afford to be found in the camp of unbelievers. He can not partake with them in the labors or works of darkness. "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? . . . Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord."

I mean to say, if the Christian Jew is really a true Son of God, a true Son of Abraham, a new creature in Christ Jesus, he cannot be a Jewish nationalist. He will not be found in the awful blackness and foul spirit of anti-Christian unbelieving, carnal, conceited, deceived, Jewish national programs.

DR. MEL MORRIS, the well-known southern orator, created a stir last month in Springfield, Missouri by calling attention to the fact that two large reproductions of the Communist hammer and sickle had been built into the architecture, over the doorway of a local High School, at the time the new building was erected. Addressing a large audience, he said: "I am amazed at the apathy of school officials in Springfield. If I lived here, I would not permit my son to enter the door of that school."

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The Duel of Bryan and Darrow

By Dr. D. W. Ryther, Jr., Dean of Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee

IF you visit the small city of Dayton, in the foothills of the Tennessee mountains, beware of asking, as many do, "Is this Monkey Town?" The reply will be brief and to the point: "No, but monkeys pass through once in a while."

Upon investigation you will learn that Dayton is not "Monkey Town"; rather, it is "Anti-Monkey Town," for it was here that modernists and fundamentalists came to blows concerning the origin of man—whether by evolution or by creative act of Almighty God.

In 1925 was presented to the state legislative body a bill to make illegal the "teaching of the Evolution Theory in all the Universities . . . all other public schools of Tennessee, which are supported in whole, or in part, by the Public School funds of the State."

It is generally conceded that the act was passed for political reasons and was signed by a governor who remarked at the time that it would never be effective. Such an act, then, forms the nucleus of one of the outstanding events of the history of Tennessee.

To the people of Dayton, who long considered their community a stronghold of Bible believers, it meant little or nothing. Evolution had made slight ingress into the minds of the townsmen or their deeply religious mountain neighbors. Unique, indeed, was the mountain family which did not prize among its possessions a well-thumbed Bible, read from "kiver to kiver."

But in the town were those who found interesting an item in the Chattanooga papers to the effect that the American Civil Liberties Union would finance a test case of the Tennessee law.

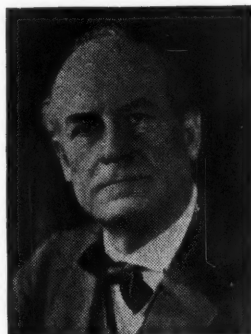
Under the eyes of one, George Rappleyea, fell this brief notice. An adventurer, Rappleyea had visions of publicity for self and city, to say nothing of an opportunity to have the statute removed from the books. Others, too, had seen the notice.

The Culprit

In the local drugstore, owned by F. E. Robinson, sat two young lawyers, Wallace Haggard and Sue K. Hicks. With them, enjoying the coolness of a drink after an afternoon of tennis, was John Thomas Scopes, science teacher in the local high school.

They were discussing the evolution law. When discussion was well under way, in walked Rappleyea. It developed that Scopes was using in his classes *Hunter's Biology*, a state-adopted text, which supported the theory of evolution.

Here was a situation: . . . on the law books of the state was a statute prohibiting the teaching of a theory.



William Jennings Bryan

Into the school rooms of the same state, the department of education had put a text, the very pages of which were opposed to the statute—fertile ground for controversy.

The addition of Walter White, school superintendent, to the group added fuel to the fast kindling flames, and it was decided to arrest Scopes on a charge of breaking the law.

Before the group left the store, the warrant for his arrest had been signed and served, the trial being set for the



The above picture of Dr. Winrod and Dr. Judson Rudd was taken last month, in front of the little home in Dayton where Mr. Bryan was staying at the time of his death. These are the last steps the great Commoner climbed in this life. Dr. Rudd is President of Bryan University.

following Friday. Everyone was satisfied: . . . the attorneys would have opportunity to exercise their talents before the bar; the teacher would have his expenses and fine paid and would be, at least for a while, in the limelight; and, by no means of least import, Rappleyea would have his adventure.

Little did they dream of the worldwide significance the trial would have. To them it was merely a bit of fun with which to while away the otherwise dreary hours. *But man's plans are not God's plans!*

A telephone call was made to a Nashville paper, which saw latent possibilities for a real scoop. By the close of the next day Dayton was headline matter throughout the country. The war was on.

At the preliminary hearing the case was bound over to the circuit court, to convene with Judge J. T. Raulston presiding on the ninth of July.

The sleepy town of Dayton awoke.

From far and near came the people, some jogging in on mules, others jolting in atop the family wagon. Still others arrived in automobiles of every possible description and value. Street hawkers walked the streets selling their wares. Young men ran here and there, delivering telegrams, often "keeping the change," and dashing hurriedly back to the operators for further messages.

Local hotels enjoyed a prosperity hitherto unknown. Every available bed was taken, and proprietors sought places in private homes for those who had come to witness the trial. "Why," exclaimed one proprietor, "they were sleeping on the roof and fire escapes. We had to put cots all over the top of this building and even then we turned them away."

A group of Christian leaders, then meeting in Memphis, enlisted for the prosecution the services of William Jennings Bryan. The Chicago press arranged for Clarence Darrow to support the defense. Other legal helpers of the defense included Dudley Field Malone, John L. Godsey, and Bainbridge Colby.

H. L. Mencken, his ink pot filled with fire and brimstone, was present—present until, as reports have it, he found it advisable to remove himself to safer ground, having stirred the ire of mountain folks by his sneering remarks against God and His Word.

The Duel

Opening details of the trial were soon over, and the battle narrowed down to two men. Scopes was pushed aside, coming and going without legal restraint. He was merely the match, which, having started the conflagration, was consumed in its heat.

Local attorneys and Darrow's associates also became bystanders, interposing objections here and there, but

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THE DUEL.

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otherwise sitting quietly in the ring-side seats of the arena. Rappleyea, the ballyhoo man, was forgotten.

Only Darrow, the agnostic, and Bryan, the Christian, remained—face to face.

Having opened court in the Rhea County Courthouse, Judge Raulston, fearing the floor might give way under the weight of the audiences, moved the trial to the front lawn, and there, under the great oaks, somehow symbolic of the man they shaded from the blazing sun, William Jennings Bryan willingly submitted himself to cross examination by the world's leading criminal lawyer.

Backed by people who loved the God he loved, he withstood the bitter, sarcastic thrusts of the agnostic Darrow, repeatedly declining to retreat behind the objections of his associates.

It was not William Jennings Bryan who was on the stand throughout those trying days. It was the Word of God, and Bryan knew it could not fail. He had the faith to submit to any persecution, that the world might know the taunts and attacks of atheism and agnosticism could not destroy his belief. What a testimony to those of us who falter and waver before the least opposition!

Looking back upon the epoch-making events of those days—one historic fact stands out that everyone can see—there was never an hour but what William Jennings Bryan was complete master of every situation.

In his attack on Bryan, Mr. Darrow used every known legal device and trick. Time after time the attack became personal. Indeed, the issue had long since been forgotten. But let the court record speak for itself, as no description can:

"Darrow—Mr. Bryan, you have given considerable study to the Bible, haven't you?"

"Bryan—Yes, sir, I have tried to.

"Darrow—Do you claim that everything in the Bible should be literally interpreted?"

"Bryan—I believe everything in the Bible should be accepted as it is given there.

"Darrow—Do you believe that God made a fish big enough to swallow Jonah?"

"Bryan—Yes, sir. Let me add, one miracle is just as easy to believe as another.

"Darrow—Do you believe that Joshua stopped the movements of the sun and earth, or that in order to lengthen the day it could have been construed that the sun stood still?"

The audience leaned forward expectantly.

Calmly, Mr. Bryan lifted a glass of water into the air: "I would not attempt to say what would have been necessary, but I know this, that I can take a glass of water that would fall to the ground without the strength of my hand, and I can overcome the law of gravitation and lift it up. If my puny hand can overcome the law of gravitation to that extent, I would not deny power to the hand of Almighty God that made the Universe."

The crowd settled back in their seats—satisfied.

Following an objection by one of Mr. Bryan's attorneys to the cross examination, Mr. Bryan spoke again: "The reason I am arguing is not for the benefit of the Supreme Court. It is to keep these gentlemen from saying that I was afraid to meet them and let them question me, and I want the Christian world to know that any atheist, agnostic or unbeliever, can question me any time as to my belief in God and I will answer him."

Fast and furiously the questions and answers flew through the air. Darrow had crossed swords with no novice and was beginning to realize it. In the midst of the argument, Bryan gave the keynote of the whole examination: "The purpose of this examination is to cast ridicule on everybody who believes in the Bible."

Darrow almost screamed his reply: "We think the purpose is preventing bigots and ignoramuses from controlling the education of the United States."

"I am simply trying to protect the Word of God against the greatest atheist or agnostic in the United States," continued Bryan. "I am not afraid to get on the stand in front of him and let him do his worst."

Bedlam reigned. Amid the pounding of the judge's gavel, the objections of the attorneys, and the applause and shouting of the people, Bryan, alone, stood calm and defiant.

Quiet restored, the gruelling continued, until in answer to a question relative to the length of the Genesis days of creation, Mr. Bryan rose to his feet and addressed the judge:

"Your Honor, I think I can shorten

this testimony. The only purpose Mr. Darrow has is to slur the Bible, but I will answer his questions all at once. I want the world to know that this man who does not believe in God is trying to use a court in Tennessee..."

"I object," shouted Darrow. "I am examining you on your false ideas that no intelligent Christian on earth believes."

"The Court is adjourned," snapped the judge.

The following morning Bryan announced his intention of asking Darrow to take the witness stand and to submit to cross examination by him.

The judge, legally so, ruled such testimony would be irrelevant. It was time for the arguments to the jury. At the critical moment Mr. Darrow rose to his feet and blandly announced that the defense waived its right to address the jury, thus depriving Bryan of the right to close for the state, probably Darrow's greatest coup—a coup based upon fear of Bryan's earnestness and eloquence. Thus Darrow denied the Commoner the privilege of using the famous Scope's case as a sounding-board for appealing to the Nation's conscience, a stroke which obviously disappointed Bryan. The trial, in the minds of most, was over.

Scopes was found guilty and fined \$100.00, which fine was remitted when the case was carried to a higher court. Apparently tired of the whole affair, he refused to commercialize his experience and accepted a scholarship to the University of Chicago, later going to South America, finally returning to a position in the West.

His was a cheerless lot, changing rapidly from that of the central figure in a local trial to that of a helpless pawn in a game of knights and kings. Let him summarize himself: "I don't care to be an exhibit. Besides, I don't know enough about evolution to lecture on it."

Darrow's record continues to be that of an aged man who openly defies the God of the creation of which he is a

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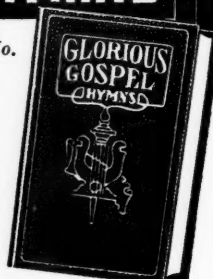
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part and to whom he must give account. Let him also summarize his part in the trial, in words used upon a return trip to Dayton.

Looking with interest at a new structure across the street from his hotel, he asked what it was. "That," said his companion, "is the new Cumberland Presbyterian Church." "Huh!" replied the lawyer. "The Devil and I, didn't do so much good down here after all."

So has it been with the various other notables of the great Scopes Trial, each returning to his own interests. . . .

But not so with Bryan.

At the conclusion of the trial, he remained in Dayton, living quietly in the home of Richard F. Rogers, where he had been staying since his coming to the community. On Sunday morning, the twenty-sixth of July, he attended the Southern Methodist Church of Dayton, offering the morning prayer.

Returning home for a hearty dinner, he later retired for his afternoon nap, remarking that he had never felt better than at that time. The exertion of the trial, however, had made its demands upon his physical body. Quietly, in his sleep, away from the public he had so long served and loved, he laid his burdens at the feet of his Saviour and went home to be with Him for Whom he had given his very life.

All that is the physical Bryan today, lies in Arlington Cemetery amid the great heroes of this country—a soldier of the Cross. But the real Bryan lives on.

Bryan University

At Arlington stands a large, yet simple, stone memorial. This is symbolic of his death. But in Dayton there stands a different memorial—a living, breathing, vital memorial. This is symbolic of his life and his testimony.

Shortly before the departure of Mr. Bryan, as he sat on the front porch of the Rogers home and looked out over the neighboring hills, he mentioned his wish to establish a boys' school. When asked why not a University, he remarked it was too great a task to do so for a man yet living.

After his death, a free-lance reporter suggested that a university be built in Dayton, and the undertaking was soon under way.

Founded upon the Word of God, believing it without restrictions, and teaching it as the infallible, unchangeable, everlasting Word of God, the William Jennings Bryan University held its opening session on September 18, 1930, in the very courtroom in which Mr. Bryan had defended his

faith. Dr. George E. Guille, as president of the institution, delivered the opening address, his subject being "Wisdom, Human and Divine."

Without a building to its name, other than an immense concrete foundation, the school moved into the abandoned high school building, where for five years classes were taught. *As though emphasizing the victory of Mr. Bryan, the first meeting of the Bible class was held in the very room in which Scopes had taught evolution.*

The beginning was humble in the extreme. A campaign with a goal of five million dollars had fallen short of its mark, leaving the University facing a depression and burdened with debts. On all sides it was said the University could not live. Many who had, in its inception, supported it dropped by the wayside. But there were others, who, like Bryan, did not fear to bring their Lord to the test. They went to their knees and asked in faith, believing. And the work progressed.

Inside the dilapidated old brick building, little more than rain proof, and not that in spots, moved up and down the time-worn steps some fifty young men and women, many of whom had dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. Quietly, yet with determination, students and faculty labored together in the building of a memorial to a great man, in the training of those to take up the banner his hands had held aloft so long.

Financial conditions were not improved by admitting numerous students who, though deserving, were not able to pay expenses. A close survey of records will show that students more fortunate than others secretly paid tuition for brothers in Christ. Further search will show that faculty members, receiving less than half of their salaries, devoted a portion of their income towards the expenses of deserving students, who could only thank the Lord that "someone" was being used to make their education possible.

During the summer of 1935, at the urgent petitioning of the student body, the faculty determined to step out on faith and re-open building operations on the foundation which had been previously built. With \$204.00 in the building fund, the work was begun. "Forward through faith" became the watchword.

Suffice to say that by the time school was opened in September sufficient building had been done to house successfully, if not comfortably, the students for that session. The thirty-thousand volume library had likewise found space in the new location. With songs of rejoicing and praise, Bryan University opened its first school year on its own campus. The walls were bare tile, the floors cold concrete, the heating system a number of "cannon-ball" stoves; but God had prospered, and students and faculty felt at home.

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rooms have been added. Work is slowly progressing on the installation of a new heating system, badly needed now, but delayed because of lack of funds. In keeping with a program allowing no new obligations, work waits on income. Old obligations are being cared for, and today finds the institution comparatively free from debt, other than those owed to faculty members.

Already three groups of graduates have entered fields of service in the ministry, in business, in the home—all carrying with them a definite knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. This year six more young men and women will step forth with the message of salvation. One will enter the ministry; another goes to the mission field. Of the group, only one has been an all-cash student.

The William Jennings Bryan University is a living memorial to Mr. Bryan. It opposes in its teaching anything that smacks of modernism or evolution. Its aim is to honor Christ, to work for spiritual education first, without sacrificing academic education. The testimony of its students is indicative of its aim and purpose.

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anywhere."

"I was led to the Lord Jesus Christ in our Bible Class the first year of school, and I am happy in Him," says Logan, now manager of a Standard Oil branch company. Incidentally, Logan earned his way through school by working as a night clerk at a hotel, graduating with first honors.

Is there any wonder that faculty members rejoice in being permitted to remain at Bryan and decline positions paying much better?

Needs! Yes, small ones and great ones; a building; equipment; an enlarged science department, the better to combat false teachings under the name of science; a dormitory for young ladies. Students need tuition paid, having entered on faith. Such aid means life to both student and school. This is the Lord's work.

The following excerpt is from a letter received from a freshman shortly after he left for home last spring:

"I found my Lord and salvation at Bryan, which I am very thankful for. I received Christian training and fellowship, which I could not find elsewhere. I am thankful for the chance to go to Bryan. Bryan may be small in buildings and students, but it is big in, and for, the Lord."

In the work of the William Jennings Bryan University, in the Christian testimony of both faculty and students—*Bryan lives on!*

speaks smooth and pleasant things. How different are the messages of the prophet sent of God who speaks God's message, however much it crosses the desires or offends the taste, of those to whom he delivers it.

"And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear." Ezek. 2:6-7.

The false prophet always cultivates the people who have "itching ears", that is, ears that do not want to hear the truth about themselves, do not want sound doctrine, do not want to be rebuked for their sins, but desire only smooth words pleasing to their carnal tastes.

"Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that smooth their tongues, (*Margin*), and say, He saith." Jer. 23:31.

"This is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits." Isaiah 30:9-10.

Verily, there are plenty of false prophets in the land today. We find one stationed in every Modernist pulpit. They form a large part of every ecclesiastical body. The nominal church is full of them.

They hold back a large part of the counsel of God from their sermons, because it is not pleasing to their hearers who pay their salaries.

The false prophet fears to offend Jezebel, lest he be denied a place at her table. (See II Kings 18:19.) He holds out hope when there is no assurance from God for such an expectation. He says, "Peace, peace", when there is, and can be, no peace.

(3.) The false prophet has always stood in exalted favor with the highest and greatest in the land, with people of power and influence in worldly affairs.

While perhaps this fact alone would

False Prophets

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"BEWARE of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Matthew 7:15.

There have always been false prophets. They have not been confined to one age, but have lived in every age.

Side by side with God's prophets, have been these false prophets. They have always been Satan's messengers and have delivered Satan's messages. They are counterfeiters.

It is very interesting and enlightening to go through the Bible and see what God has inspired "holy men" to write about these wicked characters.

(1.) We notice that the false prophets do not deliver any message from God.

While they speak in the name of God, and profess to be prophets of God, yet they are not sent of God. God's Word concerning them is: "I

have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied." Jer. 23:21.

The false prophet, in every age, wears the livery of heaven, but works as a messenger of darkness. According to our Lord, his clothing is that of a sheep, but in reality he is a wolf. He comes only to kill and destroy. He speaks lies and practices deception because his message is not from God.

"The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart." Jer. 14:14.

There are many passages of Scripture which teach that a false prophet is one who is untrue to God's Word, does not speak it, and only tries to imitate it. He speaks a message out of his own heart, which is the heart of a ravaging wolf.

(2.) The false prophet invariably

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not condemn him, yet when we find that those to whom he delivers his message, and before whom he exercises his prophetic office, are vile in heart and life, we know he is not a true prophet of God.

If he were God's prophet he would speak God's words. If he spoke God's words, his message would rebuke the sins and the transgressions of those who were not living in accordance with God's law. If this were done, he would not long stand in favor with these high and mighty ones who are steeped in worldliness and sin.

An illustration of this may be found in the twenty second chapter of first Kings:

Ahab, king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, united their forces to go to battle with the king of Syria, in an attempt to take Ramoth-Gilead. But before they started on this expedition, Jehoshaphat said to Ahab: "Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord today."

"Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men." These were all false prophets, and they stood in favor with this wicked king. Ahab asked them: "Shall I go against Ramoth-Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?"

False prophets always predict according to the wishes and desires of those who support them.

These prophets knew that Ahab wanted to go up against Ramoth-Gilead, so they prophesied accordingly. "And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king."

But their words were not the words of wisdom. They spoke a message out of their own hearts to please the "itching ears" of the king.

Then Jehoshaphat, king of Judah spoke up and said: "Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we may enquire of him?" Notice the reply of the king of Israel; it reveals the attitude of all who do not want to hear the real truth:

"There is yet one man, Micaiah, the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him: for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil."

Four hundred false prophets stood in favor with Ahab because they prophesied to please him. Only one true prophet of the Lord was there, and he said: "As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak." And the king's words concerning him were: "I hate him."

(4.) The final destiny of the false prophets is destruction.

For a time they may prosper. They may be popular and receive the praise and support of unregenerate multitudes.

They may be feasted at the table of Jezebel and be the recipients of honors at the court of Ahab. But every passing day finds them drawing nearer to the final disaster. *Their end is*

destruction!

The sheep's clothing will at last be stripped from them, and they will stand, in their shame, before the judgment bar of God, their true characters revealed.

The eight hundred and fifty false prophets, who fed at Jezebel's table, had their day of false teaching, but finally there came a true prophet, Elijah, who turned the light on them, and exposed their filthy souls. Their fate is recorded, as a warning to all false prophets, ancient or modern:

"And Elijah said, Take the prophets of Baal, let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there." I Kings 18:40.

As I have before stated, the false prophet is not the product of one age but of all ages, of modern and ancient times. As this age of Grace draws to a close, false prophets are increasing in number. We have the word of our Lord: "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." Matt. 24:11.

To this the apostles also add their testimony.

The Apostle Peter says in II Peter 2:1:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."

Every Modernist preacher is an ex-

ponent of "damnable heresies."

The Apostle John says:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

(5.) In conclusion I call attention to the fact that all false prophets, ancient and modern, are the forerunners and typical of a character, who is yet to appear upon the earth, and whom the prophecies call "THE FALSE PROPHET."

A description of this character is found in Revelation 13. He is scheduled to live on the earth during the period in which this age will be closing.

He is spoken of as "another beast coming up out of the earth." Has "two horns like a lamb", but when he speaks, his speech is "as a dragon."

He is the co-partner of the Antichrist, and the religious head of that infernal government which will rule the world as the age ends. He is a minister of hell, inspired by Satan, and a master worker of iniquity is he!

As a prophet he organizes a new, humanistic religious system, an infernal religion, of which the Antichrist will be the supreme head and object of worship. He makes an image of the "beast" and causes everyone to do homage to it or be destroyed.

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two leaders of the end-time which will astonish the whole world. By the use of an international spy system, a super-GPU, no other form of worship will be allowed anywhere on earth.

This prophet of hell "causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell save he that had the mark, or the number of his name."

Let none think that such an international program can not come to pass. It will come to pass! The two Beasts of Revelation 13 will be entirely animated by Satan.

The False Prophet is the last and greatest of his class. He is the consummation of all the false prophets, all Modernistic preachers and teachers, all the occultists, all the magicians, all the spiritualists, of all the ages. His demonic religion is the consummation of all the false and apostate religions that have ever cursed the earth.

He will possess such superhuman power that he will be able to strike fear and terror to human hearts everywhere.

(6.) No great movements in human affairs ever come without preliminary preparation. The way must be gradually prepared for any coming change. The ground must be harrowed, the seed must be sown, and time given for the ripening of the harvest. For this reason we see numerous trends, all moving toward the same end, setting the stage for these last two Beasts.

The harvest of the seed which has been sown by the false prophets of the ages and by the Modernistic critics of modern times, is sure to come forth. They that love *not* the truth that they might be saved, will be given over to a strong delusion to believe lies and thus hasten their own damnation. (See II Thessalonians 2:10.)

In that day, and it may not be far distant, evil will reach its maturity, and the powers of darkness will rule upon earth with little or no opposition.

The world, having rejected the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, will be ripe and ready for the religion of Antichrist and the Gospel of Satan.

In a final word I wish to repeat

what I have already said, that calamity and destruction is the ultimate destiny of all false prophets. That will also be the fate of all who, turning away their ears from God's truth, follow in the ways of these workers of iniquity.

This is strikingly illustrated by the fate of the False Prophet and those who are deceived by him. The judgment that falls upon the two beasts is described in Revelation 19.

It is the battle of the great day of God Almighty!

Then heaven is opened and there comes forth One sitting upon a symbolic white horse. The name of the Sitter is called "Faithful and True", and "King of kings, and Lord of lords." His eyes are as flames of fire, and He cometh in righteousness to judge and make war.

"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army."

The inspired Apostle looks upon the scene, but does not describe it. He only tells the results he beheld.

Judgment first strikes the two hell-inspired Beasts who have been the leaders of this final apostasy against God and the Son of God. Neither are slain. They do not die.

The Apostle's words are few and simple, yet awful in their meaning.

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that had worshipped his image. They both were cast *alive* into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

What becomes of the demonized armies that follow the Beast, who, with their gases, death rays and air machines, fight against the Sitter upon the white horse? Their fate is also described in few and awful words.

"And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceedeth out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."

And what of the multitude, in the days of the Antichrist, who worship him, accept his image, and receive his mark? In Revelation 14:9-10 we read:

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb."

How awful will be the fate of those who live in the days of the Antichrist, give allegiance to him, and are deceived

ed by the lies of the last of the False Prophet! It is a dangerous thing for one to let himself come under the influence of anti-Christ teachings.

But God, the merciful God, has given warning even by the mouth of one of His holy angels. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come unto repentance and salvation.

Therefore, O unsaved man, whoever you may be, away from Christ, through Whom alone you can be saved, I beg you to flee to the Rock of Ages that is cleft for thee!

Let not another day pass leaving you in your sins.

Flee from the wrath to come lest you cross the fatal line beyond which there is no hope! "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, and call upon Him while He is near."

The New Year's Road

Up the road of life, my brother,

You'll find the very best
Of everything worth living for,
And in the end sweet rest;
Then set your face just like a flint,
And get beneath your load;
With courage like a hero brave
Keep pulling up the road.

You'll find a lot of hindrances,
A lot of stumbling-stones,
And voices of discouragement
Will speak in thunder tones;
But keep your eyes upon the goal,
Make this your mighty goad,
And with your faith in God above
Keep pulling up the road.

The best and greatest of all men
For centuries and ages
Have stood against the mighty foes
To gain eternal wages
So if you'll go the way they trod
You'll have on you bestow'd
The Victor's crown some blessed day—
Keep pulling up the road.

There'll be some flowers on the way
You'll have some sweet repose,
As you will have some resting spells,
Among your bitter foes;
But know the best is coming soon
If you will bear your load
And be a pilgrim heaven-bound—
Keep pulling up the road.

Rejoice and pray as you move on,
And reach a helping hand
To other pilgrims on the way
Who do not understand
That they must fight if they would win
A crown in God's abode,
And be a soldier true till death—
Keep pulling up the road.

Oft times you'll feel like turning back;
The storms will rage around;
The clouds and fog of dire despond
About you may abound;
But know that God sits on His throne
In Heaven's blest abode,
And He will reach His mighty hand
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January 10

New Life In Christ

John 3:1-17

Golden text: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."—John 3:3.

EDUCATION, reformation, etc., are fine, but there is one thing that a dead man needs—must have—and that is *life*. Christ is the *LIFE*. If you have Him you have Life; without Him you are dead in trespasses and sin. Water is not made pure merely by painting the pump. Man's inner life must be changed.

You must be born again, be begotten of God. (1) The *HEART* in which the new life is begotten (read Phil. 4:19; Gal. 2:20).

(2) The *SEED* from which the new life springs. "The seed is the Word of God" (Lk. 8:11) and is incorruptible (1 Pet. 1:23). This seed is alive (Heb. 4:12), has the germ of life within it. The Word is alive because it is a living message of a living Christ which will produce a living faith.

(3) The *FATHER* from whom we are begotten. (1 Pet. 1:3). The preacher gives out the Word of Life, it falls into the heart which is dead in trespasses and sin and thus faith in Christ, as the Son of God, springs up within him, for "Belief comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

The condition of the heart before the Divine begetting (Eph. 2:1-5). The natural man may be a clean and virtuous man and may have all the spiritual man has, but he has not life. The Agnostic says "I don't know". He is right, he does not know and he *CANNOT* know (1 Cor. 2:14).

How may we know we are begotten of God? (1) We have the witness within (1 Jn. 5:10). (2) We overcome the world (1 Jn. 5:4). (3) We love the brethren (1 Jn. 3:14) and (4) We keep His commandments (1 Jn. 2:3) and His commandment is defined in 1 Jn. 3:23-24.

John 3:16. (1) Almighty Authority—"God". (2) Mightiest Motive—"So loved." (3) Greatest Gift—"Gave His only begotten Son". (4) Widest Welcome—"That whosoever." (5) Divine Deliverance—"Should not perish." (6) Priceless Possession—"Have everlasting life."

When asked in a Sunday School class why it is easy to be bad and difficult to be good—a small boy replied: "It is because a feller is born crooked". Gipsy Smith once said: "A man must be born the second time because he is born wrong the first time."

January 17

Jesus The Water Of Life

John 4:1-54

Golden text: "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."—John 4:14.

VERSE 6. The most human of all the scenes of our Lord's earthly history. The human and Divine perfectly blended in one glorious manifestation of the majesty, grace, pity and patience.

Verse 14. "Shall never thirst!" Thither may I arrive. The greatest achievement in life is to have the thirst of the soul for God, satisfied.

Verse 7. For the noonday heat of the sun had parched His lips. But "in the last, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink." (Jn. 7:37).

The soul will not be a cistern for holding water poured into it from without, but a *fountain* (the word had been better so rendered to distinguish it from the word "well" in v. 11) springing, gushing, bubbling up and flowing forth from within us, ever fresh, ever living.

Preachers should be faithful when preaching even to small crowds. Our Lord had but one in His audience on this occasion. As a result, we have that wonderful statement: "God is a Spirit and they that worship him: must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Verse 16. After stating the truth about the soul's need of God, Jesus proceeded to arouse her slumbering conscience by laying bare the guilty life she was leading. The details which that life furnished, not only brought her sin vividly before her, but prepared her to receive in His true character that wonderful Stranger to whom her whole life, in its minutest particulars, evidently lay open.

Verse 21. She had talked simply of "worship"; our Lord brings up before her the great Object of all acceptable worship—"The Father."

Verse 23. This one artless touch—that she "left her water-pot" speaks volumes. The living water was already beginning to spring up within her; she found that man doth not live by bread nor by water only. In short, she was transported, forgot everything but one, and her heart running over with the tale she had to tell, she hastens home and pours it out.

January 24

Two Miracles Of Mercy

John 5:2-9; 6:8-15

Golden text: "The same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me."—John 5:36.

VERSE 6—Could any one doubt that a sick man would like to be made whole? Why did Jesus ask the question: "Wilt thou be made whole?" (1) To fasten attention upon Himself; (2) Making him detail his case, to deepen in him the feeling of entire helplessness; (3) By so singular question, to beget in his responding heart the hope of a cure (Mk. 10:51).

Christ's miracles testified to His deity. "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." It is a mistake for us to limit our Lord's power over sin and disease. He is the *healing Christ*!

Verses 6:8-15. Phillip saw the greatness of the need; Andrew saw the meager supply. But it is not what you have that counts but what HE can do with the little you have if only it is placed in His hand.

Moses only had a rod, Naaman's maid was only a little girl, David only had a slingshot, Mary only had a box of ointment, the Widow only had two mites. But think what resulted when placed in God's hand!

It is not what you are that counts but what He can do with you if you are wholeheartedly surrendered to him. They toiled all night and caught nothing (Lk. 5:5-6) until He took a hand and then the nets brake. Are you trying to do things, or are you letting Him do things, through you? "Let go and let God!"

The disciples did not provide the bread, but they gave it out (v. 11). What if they had kept it to themselves, eaten their fill, and left the hungry multitudes to starve, while they discussed the ingredients of the bread, the scientific view of miracles, and the theological aspect of material blessings?

Christ depended on them to give out the food; He made no other plans. And Christ is depending on YOU to give the bread of life to dying millions. He has made no other plans for reaching the heathen. Will you fail Him?

Only five loaves and two fishes to start with but after the 5000 and more were fed, there was a basketful of fragments for each disciple left over. Think! Did you ever give anything to Christ that you didn't get back MORE? He always multiplies what you give Him.

I am the Bread of Life (v. 48). I will
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give this Bread (v. 51). This Bread is my flesh (v. 51). My flesh is my body that I shall give up in death (v. 51). Lord evermore give us this Bread!

January 31

The Financial Cost Of Alcoholic Beverages

Prov. 21:17; 23:20-21; Mt. 24:45-51;
John 6:26, 27, 35.

Golden Text: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not."—Isaiah 55:2.

RIOUS living is costly living in more ways than one. It is costly as regards one's pocket-book, one's health, one's reputation, and one's spiritual welfare.

As we write, a widely advertised brand of whiskey has just been reduced in price from five dollars to four dollars a quart. Now just figure out how many quarts of milk even four dollars would buy, and then compare the real value of what the buyer gets, quart for quart!

One tragic feature of the case is that when the craving for drink takes possession of a person, drink is placed ahead of everything.

The first man to be laid off and the last man to be taken on—the man who drinks. . . . Who wants to ride with a drunken aviator? . . . Large brewing concerns discharge employees for coming to work drunk. . . . Adolf Hitler has just issued instructions that no more German grain is to be wasted in the manufacture of hard liquor.

In contrast with the pleasure-seeking life of the drinker, is the life of him who lives primarily for spiritual ends—who labors for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life. His pleasures are no less real than those of him who lives to gratify his appetites, and they are far more satisfying and permanent.

Instead of lowering his efficiency and dependability, personal righteousness heightens it. Instead of being a financial liability, righteousness is an asset. Instead of leaving a man with a headache the next day, righteousness gives him inspiration and courage in the kind of living and serving that are pleasing to his Lord.

The two paths of life are before us. It is for us to choose whether we will travel the high way or the low way.

February 7

Jesus The Light Of The World

John 8:12, 31, 32; 9:1-11

Golden text: "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."—John 8:12.

THE blind man in this lesson (Verses 9:1-11), is a type of a sinner saved by the grace of God.

(a) He was born that way—every man is a born sinner; he could not help it. God does not blame anyone for being born a sinner. He has provided a way for being born again. (b) His parents—his first parents Adam and Eve—were the direct cause of his blindness. (c) Jesus, in love and grace, told him what to do—he obeyed and was made whole. His eyes were opened—everything he saw was new. He was also a new creature.

(d) The man had nothing. That's the kind to which the Word of God makes its strongest appeal. It was not until the Word and Work of the Lord was seen and known that the Devil disputed with the man and began to make trouble. (e) He heard the word of Jesus (the Gospel), he believed and was saved.

(f) He *went* blind, but *came* seeing. Seeing is not believing but believing is seeing. Satan tried to even dispute the relationship of this man and his parents. They saw a great change in him. (g) The neighbors also saw a wonderful transformation in the man. Salvation not only gives a new charac-

ter but produced a new conduct. The Gospel not only touches the conscience but also the question of sin and guilt. (h) The disciples were moved to argument and speculation as to the cause of the man's blindness; the Lord was concerned about the healing.

(i) They also argued about the origin of the man's blindness—his sin or his parent's sin. They missed it a thousand miles. He being born blind, could not have sinned previous to his birth. (j) As Moses' disciples (the Law) they did nothing to help this man. The law cannot save any one—it can only condemn and pronounce judgment and doom. (k) The man was not a college graduate for he confessed that he only knew "one thing". His knowledge of the "one thing" overcame all their theological controversy, all their theories, all their evolutionistic opinions and denominational differences.

(l) This man never had to go back to that pool again to wash. He never lost his sight after the Lord gave it. So salvation is something eternal and everlasting. He also became a true worshipper—true worship proceeds from a cleansed heart—washed in Jesus' blood.

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Paul Prays For The Philippians

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IF ever there was a man of prayer, it was the man Paul.

While his life was one of unexampled activity, it was also one of continual prayerfulness. In fact these two aspects of his life are mutually explanatory.

His activity was so unwearied, because his prayerfulness was so unceasing. A study of his habits of prayer, and the things he prayed for, is tremendously helpful. In Philippians 1:3-11 we see him at prayer for the Philippian Christians. Let us note a few points.

I

Thanksgiving is a large element in Paul's prayers.

It was natural for the Apostle to begin his prayers with thanksgiving. Go through his prayers, and see how constant is the attitude of praise. He is prompt to pour out his thanks for any attainment of his churches, either in gifts or grace. "I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you all."

Paul was far more sensitive to the mercies of God than the antagonisms of men. The man who is eager in praise to God is not swift in his censure of men.

"I thank my God." To Paul the thought of his friends is a kind of "eucharist," — that is the word translated "I thank." Do we think of our friends in that way? Are they the kind of friends we can always thank God for?

"I thank my God." How much praise do we put into our prayers? The

old divine said that you could tell how near a man lived to heaven by the amount of praise he put into his prayers.

If that is true — and there is a great deal of truth in it — what do our prayers show? In a description of heaven that has had a large circulation, a book entitled "Intra Muros", the newcomer to heaven had had a special revelation and the heart was just simply overflowing. Turning to her brother-in-law she said: "Frank, what do you do in heaven when you want to pray?" "We praise," was the answer. "We praise."

"I thank my God always."

II

Prayer must be constant, unceasing, not sporadic or spasmodic, as is often the case with us.

"Always in every supplication of mine in behalf of you making my supplication with joy." Over and over as you go through his epistles you catch this refrain, "Unceasingly I make mention of you."

Nothing would be better for most of us than a great revival in our habits of prayer. Perhaps we can not do as Luther did, who was accustomed to say: "I have so much work to do today, that I can not get through it with less than three hours of prayer."

Our habits of life, and perhaps our methods of thought, forbid our adopting anything so absorbing and prolonged. But that we should pray more, that we should strive in our prayers as Epaphras did (Col. 4:12), that we should more diligently cultivate the art of prayer, is clear.

III

Our prayers must be in the line of God's purpose. This always makes it easy to pray.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ." Any work which God begins he also finishes. He who fashions the seed is also Lord of the harvest. He who nourishes the tender sapling will see to it that it develops into the invincible oak.

He will not leave us in our spiritual

babyhood, nor will he make us precociously old. He will perfect us, adding grace and strength to the growing years.

Not on himself did Paul's confidence rest, nor on the church, but on the character and resources of the Worker. Men fail because of the loss of means or of power, because of change of purpose, because of death. Not so with the Creator. His resources are inexhaustible, His faithfulness unfaillin and perfection in everything is His al:

Thus, when we pray for the enrichment of our spiritual lives, or the strengthening and beautifying of the lives of others, we are but praying in line with His will, and may surely expect Him to work with us in the accomplishment of that which is on our hearts.

IV

True prayer is always optimistic.

The Apostle had no doubt about the final outcome of every true believer. He was absolutely confident that the One Who had begun a good work in them, would never leave off until He had perfected that which He himself had commenced.

It is not God's way to do things by halves. So the fact of His beginning the work is a pledge of its completion. A godly old brother used to say: "The Lord always looks at His people as they will be when they are done." Well for us if we can learn to look at them in the same way!

We are always optimistic about people who dwell in our hearts. When they only dwell in the suburbs of our affec-

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PAUL PRAYS.

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tions we soon lose hope concerning them. But when people have a warm place in our hearts the light of hope is never out of our sky.

That is why mothers are so optimistic about their sons when everybody else is in despair. That is why the Good Shepherd is an optimist concerning you and me. That is why He leaves the ninety and nine in the wilderness and goes after that which is lost until He finds it.

An artist had conceived a great picture in his mind. He was putting on the canvas the drabs and grays that were to compose the background when a friend entered, unnoticed. The artist worked on with enthusiasm, not aware of the onlooker's presence.

Finally turning, he saw him and exclaimed: "What do you think of it?" With a laugh, the friend said: "Why, to be frank, I don't think much of it. It seems to me to be only a great daub." "Ah," replied the artist, "You can not see what is to be there. I can."

So with God our Father. We too often see the present imperfections of our brother. He sees in every believer that which he will be in the eternities. The weakest and most sickly saint, the minute he enters heaven, is a better Christian than the best man or woman now living. Thus to look upon God's people will save us from discouragement, when we see crudities and carnalities in those from whom we had expected much more.

V

Four things Paul definitely prays for.

1. He prays for growth. "And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and all discernment."

All that grace had wrought in their hearts he regards but as the beginning of something better still. The spiritual prosperity of believers should be measured, not so much by the point they have reached, as by the measure of the progress they are making — progress in likeness to Christ, progress in understanding His mind.

The business of every believer is to grow. For any Christian, at any stage of attainment, to stand still, is perilous and sinful. Therefore Paul prays that they may abound more and more, that they may grow.

This growth is to be in "knowledge

and all discernment." By which Paul means that they should acquire a keen and clear power of moral discrimination, not merely knowing what is right or wrong, but to know what is the very highest and best for them and unerringly to choose that.

Misty thought, emotional conduct, indiscriminating good nature, may go grievously astray. In this day when there is so much insidious promulgation of subtle error, Christians should be experts in spiritual things and know instinctively what matters and what does not matter, in thought and action. *Our consciences should become more and more sensitive.*

2. Paul prays that they may approve the things that are excellent. The original text is "things that differ." They are to approve the things that differ from others, in being superior to them.

At present the Philippians could only appreciate spiritually the good; they were not sufficiently advanced to appreciate the better, and least of all, the best. What a host of Christians in this same condition today! Why is it that Christian people constantly ask, Can I go to the movies, the theater, the dance? Can I play cards, Can I smoke cigarettes?

There are people who like jazz because their musical tastes are not developed. There are others who, while they do not like jazz, like inferior music because their ears have not been trained. But to the skilled musician whose ear has been trained for the best, the other is sickening. So in spiritual things.

People like the earthly, the sensual, because they have not yet learned to appreciate the best. Would a Christian who ever chose the "superior" have time for cards or vulgar movies or a low book or companionships that pull one down? To say nothing as to whether some of these things are evil or not, can a Christian not find things he knows are better?

So the Apostle prays that they may make such progress as to be able to taste the excellent, and revel in its choice and delicate flavor.

3. "That ye may be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Christ."

Attention has often been called to the striking fact that we have here the Anglicised Latin word "sincere," meaning, literally "without wax" — used to translate a Greek word meaning "untested."

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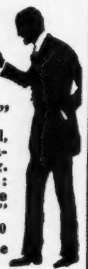
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Dewar Demolishes Evolution

By Dan Gilbert, San Diego, Calif.

ALL honest and intelligent scientists have always said that evolution is only a theory, not a scientific fact.

Yet, the propagandists for the beast-theory of the origin of man have deliberately flown in the face of both science and intellectual honesty. They have stacked our college library shelves with volumes which obstinately and dogmatically spread the untruth that evolution "is as firmly established as the law of gravitation."

Even in their titles, many of these books convey dogmatically the idea that it is a fact, and not a speculative theory, that man is the product of the animal kingdom. These titles are a few examples—*The Descent of Man*, *Adam's Ancestors*, *Up from the Ape*, etc.

Over against those who brazenly entitle their books in such a way as to imply that the animal origin of man is a proved fact, Mr. Douglas Dewar, a noted English scientist, has placed a book which boldly and clearly sets forth the truth that man is a Divine creation, specially and independently created by God.

Mr. Dewar leaves no loophole in his presentation, through which the compromising so-called "theistic" evolutionists might crawl. He gives no comfort to those who try to straddle the issue by saying, "I believe in creation by evolution," or some such other contradictory nonsense.

True Science Speaks

Mr. Dewar appropriately names his book, *Man: A Special Creation*. Note that word SPECIAL. He sets out to demonstrate the untenability of the evolutionary hypothesis, and the factual reasonableness of the Biblical doctrine that man was Divinely, separately, independently, and specially created.

Mr. Dewar's book is scientific throughout—yet it is simply written, in language which the general reader can readily understand. His refutation of evolution is based upon a complete marshalling of the facts of all science, biological, geological, anatomical.

But, more interesting still, is his presentation of scientific facts which, so far from contradicting as the evolu-

tionist claims, actually support and lend eloquent testimony to the doctrine that man is a special creation.

In concrete instance after instance, the author shows how the physical facts of man's nature do not square with the evolutionary theory of his origin. Evolutionists are fond of citing so-called anatomical and physiological "resemblances" between man and the apes, which are supposed to "prove" their common ancestry.

The author of *Man: A Special Creation* demonstrates very effectively that Creationists can play at this game, this way of reasoning, as well as evolutionists. He details the anatomical and physiological respects in which man does not resemble the apes—and he leaves the evolutionist to answer the question, if physical similarities between man and ape "prove" evolution, why do not physical dissimilarities disprove the theory?

In his excellent chapter on "The Evidence of Man's Special Creation," Mr. Dewar states, "The facts in favor of the creation theory are scientific, i.e., anatomical, psychological, and paleontological, and the testimony of the Bible."

Like all real scientists, Mr. Dewar has found that the facts of science and the testimony of the Bible are in perfect accord: He throws this challenge at the evolutionists, "Doubtless some biologists will be shocked at the mention of the testimony of the Bible in a work dealing with a scientific matter, and will deem consideration of such to be a most unscientific proceeding. In fact it is nothing of the kind."

"The aim of every scientist should be to discover the truth, and in order to do so it is his business to examine and to test all the available evidence. To decline, as many do, to consider any class of evidence is not only unscientific, but is tantamount to putting on blinkers in order to see more clearly. The existence of the Bible is a fact from which there is no getting away."

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It will be recalled that the great American evolutionist leader and spokesman, Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn, found himself totally unable to answer, with his own logic and eloquence, the indictment of evolution set forth by the Late William Jennings Bryan.

But he did write a book, which gained tremendous circulation, in which he tried to make it appear that the fossils contained in the bosom of the earth offer an effective answer to the case against Darwinism presented by Bryan. He called his book, "The Earth Speaks to Bryan."

In discussing the fossils which are supposed to "prove" evolution, Mr. Dewar alludes to one of the worst blunders made by Professor Osborn in trying to make it appear that the "earth" speaks in support of evolution.

"The most ludicrous mistake regarding supposed ancestors of man is that in respect of the fossil which was named *Hesperopithecus*. This consists of a molar tooth found in a Pliocene deposit in Nebraska. It was named by Professor H. F. Osborn, who believed it to be a tooth of an ape which has undergone a certain amount of evolution in the direction of human teeth. Osborn made this discovery the occasion for uttering the following counterblast to Bryan: 'The earth spoke to Bryan from his own state of Nebraska. The *Hesperopithecus* tooth is like the still small voice, its sound is by no means easy to hear . . . this little tooth speaks volumes of truth.' . . . SHORTLY AFTERWARDS IT WAS PROVED THAT THE TOOTH WAS THAT OF A PECCARY (a wild

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hog)!"

Very enlightening and instructive is the author's discussion of the "reasons why the theory of evolution was accepted by the general public." Hardly had the Darwinian theory been enunciated than it was eagerly seized upon, and assiduously propagandized, by men who crusaded for general acceptance of evolution with almost fanatical zeal.

Despite the determined opposition of great scientists, religious leaders, and even statesmen, such as Gladstone, the beast-theory soon gained a wide acceptance. Within a few decades, it was being taught in leading schools and colleges of England, Germany and America.

A Weapon of Unbelief

In England, the gifted Thomas Henry Huxley is generally credited with "selling" evolution to the general public. His influence was tremendous in America also. An intellectual genius, possessed of an uncanny power to express himself with clarity and forceful persuasiveness, Huxley deluded hundreds of thousands of Christian people into accepting the idea.

Like Haeckel, who committed forgery on embryological charts to fool people into believing in evolution, Huxley would stop at practically nothing to win a convert to Darwinism. Like Haeckel, too, Huxley was an irrecconcilable and truculent unbeliever.

It is an evidence of deep insight that Mr. Dewar places among the reasons for the wide and ready acceptance of evolution, "FIRST, THE THEORY IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ATHEIST AND MATERIALIST."

Before the evolutionary theory was developed, the man who said in his heart that there is no God could hardly say so out loud without being looked upon as a fool. But evolution supplies the unbeliever with a way of explaining existence, without admitting the Being of a Creator. Evolution is, indeed, "absolutely necessary to the atheist." He cannot get along without it!

The second reason given by Mr. Dewar for the headway made by the theory is that "the theory of evolution in general and of man's animal descent in particular, fitted in well with the Liberalism which made a fetish of progress, and was very popular in the middle of the nineteenth century."

Evolution fitted in even better with the Radicalism and Marxian Socialism which is the child of Liberalism. Radicals of the Marxist stripe seized avidly upon evolution. The beast-doctrine was right in accord with their own ideas. They propagated evolution, along with their revolutionary agitation.

Mr. Dewar gives this interesting bit of information regarding Charles Darwin: "The only really strong opposition to Darwin was in France. Darwin was not elected to the French Academy until 1878, and then only to the Botanical side."

Professor L. T. More, in his *Dogma of Evolution*, quotes the following criticism of Darwin, published in *Les Mondes* by a member of the French Academy:

"What has closed the doors of the academy to Mr. Darwin is that the science of those of his books which have made his chief title to fame—the 'Origin of the Species', and still more the 'Descent of Man'—is not science but a mass of assertions and absolutely gratuitous hypotheses, often evidently fallacious. This kind of publication and these theories are a bad example, which a body that respects

itself cannot encourage."

After reading Mr. Dewar's book, one feels more firmly than ever that a crime is being committed against the youth of our land in the schools and colleges which dogmatically and deceitfully teach that evolution is a "scientific fact" as "firmly established as the law of gravitation."

Well has Mr. Dewar quoted the words of R. C. Macfie: "So long as the question (of man's supposed animal ancestry) is open as at present, it is scandalous that children and students should be taught as a proven fact that their ancestors are apes, and should be shown abominable pictures of primitive man as a shaggy ape-like creature with a low forehead, receding chin, bowed back, bent legs, SUCH 'SCIENCE' IS A DISGRACE TO THE SPIRIT OF SCIENCE AND A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY..."

Shadows of Armageddon

By Dr. Louis R. Patmont, Berkeley, California

THE Battle of Armageddon often alluded to in the Prophetic Scriptures and vividly described in the fourteenth chapter of Zechariah and the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel is already casting its deepening shadows upon a troubled world.

This cardinal struggle between Christ and Satan is rapidly coming to its final issue. The line-up of the forces involved is progressing with astonishing rapidity and the contrasts are becoming more pronounced every day. This is especially true in the religious world.

As the pleasure madness of the age in which we live casts off the restraining influences of the Christian Gospel, the Great Apostasy gains in momentum. Modern liberals, desiring to adjust themselves to the spirit of the age, are undertaking to "Streamline Religion." The "Preaching Missions" of the Modernists, sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches, emphasize character salvation and social betterment, but they leave out the Cross, the Blood, and the New Birth.

The True Church

Thank God for the approaching signs of unity in the true church of Christ. It is encouraging to observe that the differences and the bitterness which formerly separated God's true people are rapidly disappearing.

Denominational influences, dominated for the most part by radical leaders, are failing to deprive born-again Christians of their liberty in Christ. The love of the brethren, rather than creedalism, is rightly getting to be the tie that binds them together.

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many parts of the world. Prophecy is being eagerly studied as the signs of the times are being recognized by those who have been made participants of the gifts of God's wisdom.

On the other hand apostate women's club leaders and mayors of cities advocate the taxation of vice in segregated districts and the expansion of the liquor traffic into dry church controlled territory. Christians must continue to fight all forces of evil until Christ returns.

Many lessons must yet be learned by the Church Universal before it will be ready to meet the Lord. It is likely that the year 1937 is going to bring new tests and even persecution to the body of Christ.

Long before the vials of judgment are poured out upon the Christ-rejecting world and the demon-energized armies of Armageddon, the purifying fires of judgment must melt the Church into a united body. Jealousies and differences must disappear so that God's people will be able to sing without mental reservation:

"We are not divided
All one army we
One in faith and doctrine
One in charity."

The Church in Russia is furnishing a fine illustration of what such opposition can accomplish. Before the Revolution the pagan Orthodox Church was at the bottom of all Czarist persecution of the Evangelical Christian movement in Russia.

The Baptists and Gospel Christians excommunicated each other. This rivalry was a great hindrance to the preaching of the Gospel throughout the land. Today, persecution has caused the remaining followers of Christ to stand together. *There is no division in the Soviet exile camps and prisons.* The gold has been refined and the Great Refiner's face is reflected within the melting pot.

Russia's New Constitution

Reports of the recent adoption of a new constitution for the Soviet Union are misleading. The same United Press dispatch which brought the report of the enthusiastic unanimous adoption of the new Soviet Constitution also states that no other party than the Communist Party will be tolerated in Russia.

Communism stands unalterably opposed to all religions. One of its planks demands the extermination of the Church. This plank has not been changed; consequently the persecution of the Church will continue. This much-discussed new Soviet Constitution contains many inconsistencies and paradoxes.

A careful perusal of the United Press report from Moscow on December 2nd shows beyond question that it was passed more as a "face-saving" measure to impress the outside world, than a concession to the Russian people.

The class war in the Soviet Union has long ago "liquidated" those Russians of the higher strata of society who could benefit by such a new Constitution. This document itself proves

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that the alleged "benefits" are theoretical rather than actual.

Since it has become more and more apparent that Russia must sooner or later reckon with a struggle between the Fascist powers and Japan, its foreign propaganda has constantly sought to picture the Soviet monstrosity as a peaceful lamb and an angel of mercy and light, which champions the cause of freedom and democracy and protects the weaker nations of the world.

Jews In Russia

The true nature of the Soviet Beast, however, can be easily recognized by a careful study of the present situation.

Associated Press dispatches state that Vyacheslav Molotoff, president of the council of commissars, recently announced in Moscow that the Soviet Union will have 7,000 airplanes and 100,000 pilots to take part in the next war.

The motive for the oncoming titanic struggle, he says, is to be "the defense of culture and civilization" which is to be protected from "barbarism and cruelty." Fascist powers are to be attacked for their opposition to the Jew.

Molotoff stated: "Their persecution of Jews is in marked contrast with our respect for this race which gave us Karl Marx. Hitler is using the law of scapegoats for his nation's internal difficulties whereas in the Soviet Union active anti-Semites are shot."

The weak Baltic nations are warned to "mind their own business". The garment of "sheep wool" is becoming threadbare and the real Communist monster is therefore no longer able to hide its true nature.

The Soviet war-lords are boasting of the world's strongest air fleet, the greatest number of war tanks, an increasing navy and an almost unlimited supply of man-power.

The Cossacks which were so badly decimated during the last world war

have been thoroughly reorganized. Five divisions of these semi-barbaric horde are already waiting on the southern borders of the Soviet Union.

Shadows of Armageddon

Who will say that these forces are not being kept in readiness for the wild cavalry onslaught into Palestine in order to "take a spoil and to take a prey" as Ezekiel predicted it. The armaments of the Soviet Union have taxed its treasures. Palestine seems to be the only country where there is an abundance of silver and gold.

The exhausted Russian soil needs the minerals—nitrates and potash, to fertilize it. The Soviet Press has given expression of animosity and disgust toward Great Britain on many occasions. It is not conceivable that a sturdy race of Anglo-Saxons, traditional enemies of a semi-Turanian race of Mongols, Tartars, and Slavs, would become allies in the impending world conflict.

Their traditions, ideals, and faith are too far apart to permit such an alliance. While the present political situation would seem to indicate England's partiality for France which has been tied to Soviet Russia by a military alliance, Great Britain's interests in India and the Near East would forbid its yielding to the powerful Russian Bear's embrace.

The Soviet war machine with its 9,000,000 well equipped men, and other millions ready to be called on an hour's notice, would be too great a monster into whose arms the fair Britannia would dare to entrust herself. Prophecy makes no such predictions and popular opinion as expressed in the press of the English family of nations is unalterably opposed to such a line-up.

The present war clouds in the world, the intensifying struggle between Socialism and Democracy, Liberalism and Materialism, Atheism and Christianity, as well as Modernism and the true faith, point toward a not distant inevitable Armageddon and the rapture of the Church of Christ which precedes it.

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ONE EVENING, recently, the American people were treated to an insult through a radio address by a negro called Ford, whose name appeared as the Vice-presidential candidate of the Communist party. The placing of a black man on the national ticket, was a trick of the Reds to draw negroes into their ranks. Communists boast that when the revolution breaks in America, the negroes will do the dirty work for them. This will remind many of the large signs which were plastered over Cuba during recent spasms of violence: "Negro, get your white woman, we're equal now!"

Satan and Lilith

By Rev. John Neander, Saugerties, N. Y.

THESE are strange and momentous days in which we are living.

The world is in the grip of powerfully, organized Satanic forces. Even the atheists and agnostics are faced with conditions which they can not explain except as credit is given to the existence of Satan and his fiendish satellites.

Events are constantly occurring which prove the existence of an invisible world, inhabited by demon spirits which have access to the earth-plane.

A Few Examples

One day we learn of an eminent archeologist dying mysteriously. Then we read in the newspapers that he violated the sanctity of an ancient Egyptian tomb in which a king had been buried. He is said to have come under a curse uttered centuries ago.

A few days later, we heard the famous news commentator, Lowell Thomas, telling over the radio about the strange death of the Captain of the steamship *Republic* bearing the remains of a priest, Father Damien, who died in Molokai.

Mr. Thomas explained the mysterious death of the Captain as resulting from a curse uttered by the lepers of Molokai against those who bore away from them the body of their beloved leader.

It must be noticed, too, that there is a revival of witchcraft now going on in America. The "Hex" crimes in certain parts of Pennsylvania makes one wonder if we have been suddenly thrown back into the practices of the dark ages.

From France came the recent word that Premier Laval surrendered his powerful office upon the advice of an astrologer whom he always consults before making important decisions. The name of the astrologer is M. Maurice Privat.

When the problem of Ethiopia was being considered by all the nations of Europe, *Time*, wrote: "The incredible report which much of Paris now avidly believes is that Astrologer Privat assists Premier Laval from day to day in charting the course of the French Republic and more especially in trying to solve the Ethiopian Question."

The same magazine quotes the astrologer as saying: "Laval is a strange man. He never says anything, but he always does what I tell him. His feelings are entirely in accord with mine. The year 1935 was an exceptionally good year for him. This year 1936 will be less good for him. He will shortly suffer a setback. Thereafter his comeback will be tremendous. He will live a long time and die a great statesman."

It will be recalled that Laval could have remained in office had he cared to do so. But acting upon the instructions of his magician, he stepped

quietly aside and thereby made it possible for Blum to take control.

This circumstance reminds us of the ancient kings who always consulted their astrologers, magicians and soothsayers before going to battle, or after having dreams of seeming importance.

There are Satanic "principalities and powers" at work in the world today. These spirits are behind the troubles and chaos of the nations. Satan is moving in the shadows.

From different sources we learn of black magic and Devil-worship, showing that vast multitudes are *consciously and knowingly* surrendering to the power of Satan's malign hosts.

These circumstances are mentioned, and many others could be cited, to show that Satan and His Stygian forces are just now enjoying a great carnival.

Introducing Lilith

One malignant force co-operative with Satan, though seldom mentioned is Lilith.

The name Lilith occurs only once in the entire Bible. It is found in the prophecy of Isaiah 34:14.

The Hebrew word is Lilith. In English, it appears as, "Screech Owl", "Night Monster", "Night Ghost".

Turning to Hebrew tradition, we find a more complete account of Lilith. This creature was thought of, by the ancients, as being the wife of Satan.

She was believed to be the personification of VICE AND SENSUALITY, the chief prostitute, or the patron mistress of all wicked debauches.

Among the Jews there were, and are, special ceremonies to separate Lilith,

the Female Demon from the dead and from the new born.

Lilith in the hands of Satan is regarded as an instrument to involve individuals and nations in ruin. Alas, how successful is this work being carried on today? Where Satan Himself cannot accomplish his damnable purposes, he employs Lilith, who only too quickly accomplishes the will of Satan.

It must be remembered that Satan presides over an organized kingdom. He has various rulers under him, even as there is a graduated scale of rulers in the nations and communities of this temporal world.

We read, for instance, in the book of Daniel, about the great demon "Prince of Persia" who took orders from Satan. Lilith is a powerful leader in Satan's invisible empire.

Lilith In History

Whenever in history, the world has rebelled against, and departed in unbelief from God, Satan and his consort Lilith have sown the seeds of discord and discontent. This diabolical work has been done chiefly through Lilith.

When into the peace and beauty of God's original creation, there came strife and darkness, the Serpent was found! According to Jewish tradition, Lilith was the serpent.

Again, men turned from God when, as it is written in the first seven verses of the sixth chapter of Genesis, "the sons of God" married the daughters of men. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Lilith is the demon of sensuality and was therefore responsible for the mass immorality which swept the anti-diluvians and caused them to become a stench to the nostrils of God.

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Lilith manifests again through Potiphar's wife, who seeks to seduce Joseph, the chosen of God, by appealing to his physical passions. (Genesis 39:12.) What a tragic sequence of events would have followed had Joseph yielded to this Satanic invention.

Pass down through the years, Lilith appears again in Jezebel, the sensual and inhuman wretch, who persecutes the prophets of God.

The filthy hand of Lilith is also seen in the moral putrescence of Sodom and Gomorrah.

And is Lilith not seen prophetically by John on the Isle of Patmos as he writes?—"And I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication." And later in the 5th verse, "and upon her forehead a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of the Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth."

Lilith Active Today

From the wide-spread reign of lawlessness and iniquity throughout the world today, it must be apparent that Satan's Lilith is dominating the passions and feelings of multiplied millions.

The presence of ever-increasing wickedness in the world discloses the works of Satan and his hordes of malignant beings.

We must face the plain, stubborn fact of a universal break down in morals. No civilization in the past has ever survived an attack by Lilith. No civilization has ever survived a moral collapse.

How long can the nations expect to continue at the pace they are now going? The time must come when a decision either to surrender completely to God, or Lilith, must be made.

It seems from many different signs that one of those supreme moments, when Satan and Lilith will marshal the human family together for open rebellion against God, is near at hand! We shall have a repetition of the eviction from the Garden of Eden, or witness wholesale destruction. The moral foundations upon which this civilization was gradually built, are already crumbling beneath our feet. It seems that catastrophe is not far away.

Jesus said: "But as the days of Noah were so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

The present work of Lilith in our world, causing a universal moral breakdown, points to the close of this age and the return of Christ Jesus our Lord.

finally answered, if ever, there still will be an endless number behind them to be answered in turn. So the inquiry would have to be eternal.

Could we calculate, even if we were engineers by profession, the energy required to operate even that portion of the universe that we can see through the telescope? Let us study the matter for a moment.

In some manner the system of which we are an integral part came into existence, but not as we see it in its present form. The earth, when it began to rotate upon its axis, stood perpendicularly to the plane of the ecliptic. As the crust began to solidify, and the oceans began to form due to the condensation of steam, the tides began to operate.

It was formerly thought that the tide had no useful purpose, but man is beginning to see that God has a purpose in everything He creates, and in every force He sets in motion. Scientists have finally found that the tides act as "breaks" on the rotation of the earth, just as the same mechanical device acts upon an automobile.

This breaking force is the equivalent to hundreds of thousands of tons. What becomes of that force? Is it transmuted into heat? Is this heat dissipated into space? Anyway, this force, or "break" acting through the ages, kept slowing down the rotation from about three hours for one rotation until it reached the present speed of one in the so-called twenty-four hour period.

If scientists could devise a method of harnessing this immense energy, we would have power to operate every machine in the world, and plenty to spare. This slowing up process caused the axis to incline towards the plane of the ecliptic until it now stands at a declination of 23½ degrees, with the slowing process still going on. There will come a time when the axis will be parallel to the ecliptic.

In addition to the force that keeps the earth rotating upon its axis is a force that carries it around the Sun in an orbit. One revolution in this orbit takes or occupies 365.24 rotations upon the axis.

The speed with which we are moving in the orbit is about eighteen miles per second, a comparatively slow speed as compared with others. What gives this speed, and why is the orbit in the form of an ellipse rather than a circle as astronomers thought for centuries?

The form of the orbit is governed by that peculiar force called gravity. But

How God Makes A Year

By Dr. J. O. Kinnaman, Martin College, Pulaski, Tenn.

"IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

It is to be noted that the first thing created according to Genesis was the heavens. Just what is meant by the word "heavens"?

I believe the average person thinks of them as space rather than that which occupies space. Either space is and was co-existent with God, or it does not exist at all, being merely a co-ordinate of the entity "time" which can be proven either not to exist, or a mere relative term meaning *nothing*, when reduced to its lowest terms.

Time for God is neither past nor future; it is eternally the *present*.

Let us remember that the Hebrew tongue has only two tenses, the present, and past. It is also to be remembered that there is no possibility of expressing the *causitive* idea, or what we might call in other tongues, the

"causitive tense."

If the above paragraph be accepted as a starting point, then the tense used in Genesis 1:1 is present rather than an Aorist or past, thus denoting that *the creative act is still in progress*, which is exactly the case as both the telescope and the spectroscope inform us.

For we can with these instruments actually see worlds, and systems still in the process of being created. If that be true, then "time" as we think of it, is a measured portion of the present. All of God's work is progressive, even to the revelation of Himself, but never progresses out of the present.

The telescope and spectroscope reveal to us the process of creation, but not the absolute *origin* of the "matter" involved in that *creation*, or the *form* which matter will take under the guiding hand of God.

In all this process, did you ever stop to consider the immense energy, or force involved? From whence comes this force? What is force, or energy? How is it dispensed, diffused, or directed?

Questions, questions that no one at present is able to answer.

Yet, we must admit that researchers are approaching an answer to some of them. But when those questions are

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what is gravity, and whence its source? There is no known instrument by which we may form a concrete idea of gravity, yet it exists, and controls the movements of all bodies in space.

Then there is another question: Why does the earth and other planets revolve in the *direction* they do rather than in the opposite?

There is still another movement that the layman seldom considers: the direct and apparently straight path of the whole planetary system moving towards the constellation Pleiades. The speed of this motion is immense, yet does not approach the speed of light or radio waves, which is 180,300 miles per second. But our so-called "mile" is a very short measuring stick, and in this forward movement of the system would shrink to zero. Light and radio waves are *not* the swiftest known to science today. "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" Job 38:31.

There is another movement of the earth that is seldom considered: viz, the precession of the equinox. This movement is produced by the wobbling of the axis due to the slowing process of rotation.

If the sky was a white sheet of paper, and the north end of the axis had a great piece of graphite in it, the resultant figure would be a perfect circle with many little circles on the *inside* of the great circle. Each little circle would represent a Sothic year of 1460 orbit years, while the great circle would represent one precession of the equinox, or roughly 25,000 orbit years.

Thus we may trace the development of God's creative act. First He created the "day" by the rotation of the earth. Second, He created the solar year, or *siderial year* by the path of the orbit. Third He created the Sothic year by the wobbling of the axis due to the breaking power of the tides. Fourth, the precession of the equinox due to combined forces complementing each the other, and acting as a "steering" gear to the system.

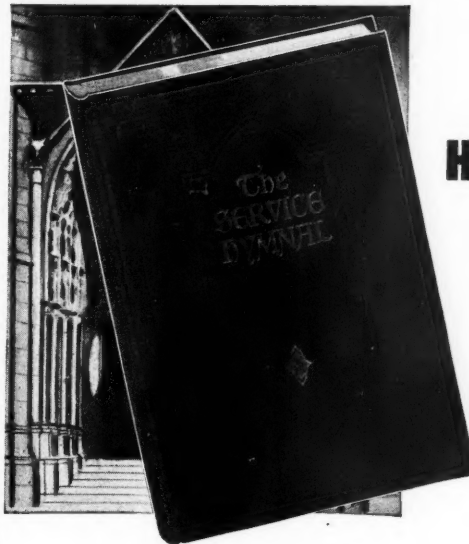
The forward movement of the planetary system towards the Pleiades lacks a definite term in the nomenclature of the motions of the system. If our system has a forward movement, does the whole *cosmos* have some similar movement? If so, whither is it headed?

God gave us another division of *time* in movement, the month as measured by the moon. Thus we get the day, month, year, Sothic year, precession of the equinox—a tremendous radiation of energy or force. Indeed, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

The writers of Genesis, and other books of the Bible understood all this, and yet the Bible was not written as a text-book in science. But scientists are finding day by day that the Bible is absolutely accurate, and the men of antiquity knew facts of science that the "modern" scientists are just discovering.

The making of the Year is accurately recorded in the structure of the Great Pyramid. For example: The axis of the earth was known more accurately

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than we are able to measure it today; the distance to the Sun was calculated to such accuracy as has been arrived at only recently (the last two or three years) by astronomers; the length of the sidereal year was calculated and known to the fourth decimal point; the Sothic year was built into the Pyramid as 1460 sidereal years; the precession of the equinox as ca. 24, 850 sidereal years.

The builders knew the zero point, or the 30-degree point of a line extended to the Pleiades, to the star Alcyone of that constellation, and a line extended to the polar star from the descending

gallery of the Pyramid, which can occur only once in roughly 25,000 sidereal years.

As Akh-N-Aton exclaimed in about 1660 B.C. when he found the only true God: "How wonderful are thy works, O almighty God!"

And we may add with the Psalmist: "What is man that thou art mindful of him?"

God is the Architect of the cosmos, but to regenerate man, He is "our Father" as taught by His Son, Jesus the Christ.

Welcome the new year of 1937, which date commemorates the number of years elapsed since the Word Incarnate was with us in the flesh.

Jewels of the Kingdom

By Rev. George W. Soerheide, The City Mission, Cleveland, Ohio

"THEY shall be mine, saith the Lord, in that day when I make up my jewels."—Malachi 3:17.

This passage is, without question, one of the most beautiful in the Word of God.

There are two paths we must follow, if we would see its glory. One leads down to the pit of sin, where the Jewel is lost and its beauty hidden. The other leads up to the very throne of God, where the Jewel, now found and washed in the blood, is seen in the crown of our Coming King.

Part One

Shall we walk together first in that downward path that leads to the lost jewel?

God never uses meaningless words and God never makes extravagant statements. When God speaks of His children as Jewels, it is that He may impress upon their hearts His love for them in a new way.

In His Word He has called them by many precious names. The Bible is filled with God's Pet Names for His children. Each one, when studied, will reveal fresh evidence of His love.

It is great to have men say nice things about you, but it is more wonderful when it is God Who says nice things about you.

We are now going to look at ourselves for a little while through the eyes of God. He has called us His Jewels.

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The diamond mines of Africa are three thousand feet deep.

Some one has to go down, if Jewels are to be brought up. Jesus had to leave His home in glory and come down to earth that He might dig you and me out of our pit of sin and shame. He came to seek and save the lost.

Real jewels don't grow on trees nor are they made in Glass Factories.

Jewels are lost and must be found before either their beauty or their value can be appreciated.

The time spent in looking for anything is always governed by the value of the thing that is lost. You would spend very little time looking for a Woolworth ring, but a lifetime would be all too short to look for a lost baby.

None of the ransomed ever knew
How deep were the waters crossed
Nor how dark the night
That He found that sheep that was lost.

It is easy to be fooled about a jewel.

There are many imitations of real jewels. In fact there are far more imitations than there are jewels, just as there are imitation Christians.

But let me tell you, Jesus is an expert in the Jewel Business.

He knows the real from the unreal. Judas looked like a jewel to the disciples, but Jesus knew he was just an imitation.

He knows His own. Don't try to fool God.

When I was a lad on the farm, I had dreams, as most boys have, of some day going away and returning rich.

One day I picked up a ring, set with a big red stone. I thought I had found my dream treasure.

But, when with trembling voice, I asked the jeweler what the ring was worth, he laughed and said about ten cents. The stone was an imitation.

Some imitation Christians will find when they stand in the presence of the Master Jeweler that they are just imitations, and will hear Him say, "Depart

from Me, for I never knew you."

Part Two

And now shall we leave this downward path of sin in which we have seen the Shadows of Calvary and walk together in the Upward path of Glory. There are two great facts about a Jew-
el.

First: It has great beauty.

Second: It has great value.

Shall we consider the beauty of a Christian first?

Where is the beauty of a Christian today?

On every hand is the evidence of everything, but spiritual beauty.

But inasmuch as God speaks of Christians as JEWELS, we must look for their beauty through the eyes of God.

Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart.

It is not what we see in ourselves, nor what we see in others, but it is what God sees in us that determines our beauty.

Pardon this illustration, but did you ever know a mother who did not think her baby beautiful?

Do you know why? She is looking at the baby through the eyes of love.

When God calls His children-JEWELS He is looking at them through the eyes of love.

Our second consideration is the VALUE of a Christian. A jewel has great value.

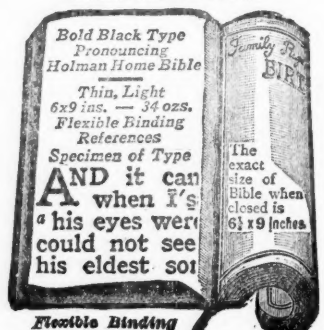
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looking through the eyes of God. It isn't what you or I see in a Christian, but what God sees, that makes them valuable.

Value in Spiritual things can only be measured by love.

I know of a pair of baby shoes you could not buy for a million. Their value, however, is not in the material but in the investment of love.

You are not a Jewel in the eyes of God because of your material or physical value, but BECAUSE GOD INVESTED HIS GREAT LOVE IN YOU.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Part Three

Jewels show up best against a dark background.

My friend, George Beattie, of the Old Arcade in Cleveland, is a jewel merchant. I am indebted to him for many suggestions about jewels.

I love to look at the jewel display in his window. I have noticed that the glory of these jewels is brought out by the dark background upon which they are placed.

The glory of God's people has always been greatest when they have been placed against a dark background.

"BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE: FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."

Stephen was never so beautiful as in that dark hour when he was stoned to death for Jesus' sake.

Prison walls, stocks, and bleeding backs became the background for Paul and Silas' songs in the night.

Jesus was never more glorious than in that hour when against the blackness of Calvary, He cried out, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

This glory is a foretaste of that glory spoken of by Jesus when He prayed, "And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are One."

Part Four

Jewels are for one purpose—the glory of their possessor. This thought is so staggering in its application that I am almost afraid to use it. But I read again, and again in His word "they glorified God."

The children of God, His Jewels, are for His glory.

The glory of a jewel is lost to its owner when it is hidden. If I had a jewel, I would wear it where I could see it.

God wants to wear His jewels. Too many of them want to be hidden. *There is no glory for God in a hidden jewel.*

It sometimes seems as though Satan were getting more glory out of his cheap imitation jewelry than God is getting out of the Jewels of His Kingdom.

The world is a dark background for God's Jewels. Are you shining for Him, or is your glory hidden?

There are many kinds of Jewels—preachers, teachers, singers, personal workers, missionaries; each with a glory all their own.

These Jewels of God's Kingdom are scattered all over the world now, each in his own place, shining for Him.

There is coming a day when the Lord is coming back to earth again to make up His Jewels.

Oh, the glory of that day! When from every part of the earth God's Jewels will be gathered together.

There will be diamonds from black Africa, precious jewels from dark India, Japan, China and the ends of the earth.

The nations of earth have their coronation days. Earthly kings come and

go. But the King of Glory is coming to make up His Jewels. In that hour He will be crowned, **KING OF ALL THE WORLD.**

Then every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord and King of all.

In that glorious day the JEWELS OF HIS KINGDOM will make up the Choir of the New Jerusalem. Robed in spotless white they will sing:

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him, Lord of all.

And now having walked together in that Downward Path of sin and shame and then in the Upward Path of glory, may I ask, **ARE YOU A JEWEL OF HIS KINGDOM?**

How Old Art Thou?

CERTAINLY a very direct question. It is a question which concerns everybody, for each and every human being is growing older day by day.

I. If you can read these words you are old enough to be lost. God says:

1. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23.
2. "We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Isaiah 64:6.
3. "There is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." Ecclesiastes 7:20.

II. If you can read these words you are old enough to be saved. God says:

1. "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.
2. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." Acts 16:31.
3. "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." Hebrews 7:25.

III. If you can read these words you are old enough to know that you cannot save yourself. God says:

1. "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10.
2. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12.
3. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5.

IV. If you can read these words you are old enough to know how God, once for all, settled the sin question. God says:

1. "The Lord hath laid on Him (JESUS) the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6.
2. "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." I Corinthians 15:3.
3. "Christ hath once (for all) suf-

fered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." I Peter 3:18.

4. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:6.

V. If you can read these words you are old enough to understand how to be saved and know it. God says:

1. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me (JESUS) hath everlasting life." John 6:47.
2. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.
3. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life." I John 5:13.

VI. If you can read words you are old enough to walk in the path of God's will after you have been saved.

1. Trusting Jesus Christ's finished work on the cross is your first obligation to God; "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent." John 6:29.
2. "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7.
3. "My son, give Me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe My ways." Proverbs 23:26.

VII. How old art thou?

1. Old enough to be lost?
2. Then you are old enough to be saved.
3. And old enough to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1.
4. You, a born-again child of God, are old enough to walk with God in happy fellowship.

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UNTIL THE FLOOD. By John McComb. Pages 107. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. Price \$1.00.

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He then proceeds to trace the scarlet

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thread of God's redemptive plan through the Law and the Prophets; to its culmination in Christ, on down to Paul's sublime unfolding of the meaning of the highest calling ever given to man — that of becoming a child of God.

This book, while short in comparison with the tremendous subject it treats, is comprehensive. Not only is it suitable for the beginner in Bible study, but any Christian regardless of how many years he has spent in searching the Scriptures, will find much enjoyment and profit in its pages.

The conclusion is that, "The Bible may be compared to a deep sea. You can survey its surface with great benefit, but there is always room for more searching and understanding and blessing in its depths."

Anything that contributes to systematizing one's knowledge of the Word of God is well worth reading.

GOOD BOOKS

CHRIST MEETING HIS CHURCH IN THE AIR. By Rev. Gustav Edwards, D. D. Published by the Author. Pages 51. Price 25 cents.

AS we approach the end of the present age, God's people are becoming more and more concerned over the necessity of warning those who are not prepared for the great events soon to take place.

Dr. Edwards sends out this little book with the hope that it may bring hope, joy, light, help, and inspiration to its readers. He shows that the hope of the Rapture is in accordance with the plan of God, and to live in anticipation of such an event causes Christians to purify themselves, even as He is pure. Much stumbling and perplexity is caused by not knowing how to rightly divide the Word of Truth; by confusing the Church with the Kingdom, without making any distinction in the scope, operation, and time of each.

The Church is the Bride of Christ, and as such will rule with Him in the Kingdom when He comes to earth to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The usual Scriptural proof is given relative to His coming as the Morning Star for the Bride, and as the Sun of Righteousness with the Bride. "Her hope and anticipation of His coming is the brightest star on the horizon of faith. Therefore it should be the most wonderful message to all true Christians. His coming is an unspeakable inspiration to all who in holy conversation and godliness are looking for that day, and waiting for the very Son of God, Jesus Christ."

Dr. Edwards has made a valuable contribution to the prophetic literature of the hour. He has said much in a few words. He shows conclusively that the Church will escape the great tribulation. The chapter on "The Church a Pure Virgin or the Ten Virgins — Which?" is particularly important.

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GOOD BOOKS

THE CHRIST CENTERED LIFE. By Rev. William G. Coltman, D. D. Published by Fundamental Truth Publishers. Pages 30. Price 25 cents.

THIS little book was written in celebration of a ministry of twenty-two years with one congregation. It comes as the result of many Spirit-filled experiences. It contains the complete text of three sermons on the deeper life.

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and opening up a way by which we have access to the throne of God. "For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."

The Christ-Centered life recognizes that "it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." It is a life based upon faith, rather than feeling, and is to be lived *now* moment by moment — not tomorrow, or next year!

We are glad to recommend this treatise to Christians during the present hour when there is such spiritual darkness in the world. It will warm the heart of every believer.

Stand Fast

By Mrs. W. J. Cline, Kansas City, Mo.

PROFESSOR Albert Einstein declares that "Nationalism is the measles of mankind".

He favors Zionism however, because he says the Jewish race has no imperialistic designs and also on the grounds that it gives the Jews something in common.

As a nation we Americans also have something in common — something that we do not want to give up. We have the Bible, we have our Constitution, family life, public schools, freedom of worship, freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

We have a rich heritage of ideals, customs, and institutions which are distinctly American and of which we are justly proud. We have the glorious Fourth of July and Thanksgiving Day which are purely American holy days and sacred with memory.

Einstein does not believe in assimilation of the Jews. He says: "Even in modern civilization the Jew is the most happy when he remains a Jew." Even in modern civilization the American is the most happy when he remains an American!

I am proud of America for having retained the Constitution of the United States as the basis of her system of government. It means that she believes in righteousness. The Bible tells us that righteousness exalteth a nation. That is why America is exalted. That is why "as America goes so goes the world".

Our Constitution was framed by men whose faith was rooted and grounded in Bible doctrines and precepts.

In the October 1936 issue of the *Readers Digest* there was an article taken from the publication called *Fortune* on how we got our Constitution. It is an attempt at debunking. It virtually says that the (writers) framers of the document put it over on the nation while the people slept.

There are people in America who are subversive to our Bible, our Constitution and our institutions. Those who believe that cynicism is an indication of intellect become the prey of this wicked propaganda.

But God says: "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The writers of the Declaration of Independence said that "all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Life, liberty and happiness are Christian pursuits. Let Christians pray that America will "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

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	Total	\$ 3,933.47
	Disbursements for 1936:	
	Allowances for Workers	\$2,890.00
	Publishing Work	305.07
	Musical Instruments	48.66
	Shipping Charges	100.41
	Deputational Work	272.05
	On Hand Dec. 18, 1936	317.28
		\$3,933.47
AFRICA	On Hand Dec. 19, 1935	\$ 545.32
	Receipts for 1936	2,207.10
	Total	\$ 2,752.42
	Disbursements for 1936:	
	Allowances for Workers	\$1,445.00
	Books, Bibles, Literature, etc.	256.39
	New Church Property	480.00
	On Hand Dec. 18, 1936	571.03
		\$2,752.42
GREECE	On Hand Dec. 19, 1935	\$ 56.63
	Receipts for 1936	826.81
	Total	\$ 883.44
	Disbursements for 1936:	
	Allowances for Workers	\$ 667.00
	Literature and Misc'l.	32.81
	Shipping charges	6.10
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CUBA	Cuba Work Began March 1936	\$ 0.00
	Receipts for 1936	537.85
	Total	\$ 537.85
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	Allowances to Workers	\$ 265.00
	Musical Instruments	50.57
	Deputational Work	100.00
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INDIANS	On Hand Dec. 19, 1935	\$ 106.29
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	Disbursements for 1936:	
	Allowances to Workers	\$ 556.54
	Toward Car Purchase	100.00
	On Hand Dec. 18, 1936	188.68
		\$ 845.22
MISC'L	On Hand Dec. 19, 1935	\$ 35.56
	Receipts for 1936	362.12
	Total	\$ 397.68
	Disbursements for 1936:	
	Jewish Evangelism	\$ 91.10
	Russian work	222.00
	Belgium	7.00
	On Hand Dec. 18, 1936	77.58
		\$ 397.68

Summary

West Indies	\$3,681.27
Africa	2,207.10
Greece	826.81
Cuba	537.85
Indians	738.93
Misc'l.	362.12
	\$8,354.08

Note

1936 was the largest missionary year in the history of the Defenders' Movement. The accompanying report is \$2,790.07 more than the year previous.

Entering 1937

WE stand today on the threshold of a new year.

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Let Defender Readers resolve to cultivate a greater missionary spirit during the next twelve months than ever before.

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It shows that 100 cents of every dollar given through this channel is used *directly* for missions. The Movement has no boards, secretaries or other overhead expenses, for which missionary money must be appropriated at home.

When forwarding your January offering to Wichita Headquarters, be sure to designate for which field it is intended: Puerto Rico, Cuba, West Africa, Greece, Navajo Indians or Yaqui Indians.

Echoes From Cuba

REV. and Mrs. Arthur Pain broadcast a Gospel service from Havana, Cuba every morning through both the Spanish and English languages.

In a recent report sent to Wichita headquarters, Mr. Pain said: "Most interesting letters are coming from the radio ministry. We have one from Paris, France and another from Antwerp, Belgium."

With four workers, the Pains spend every Sunday afternoon distributing Spanish tracts at interior points in Cuba. They say: "It thrills us to see people get off their horses, stop ox-carts, climb down out of wagons, or jump from bicycles to pick up our Gospel messages."

"Yesterday we handed out over 1,500 tracts. On every tract these words are printed, 'Tune to Station CMQ each day at 7:30 a. m.'...."

"We are making daily use of the wonderful portable organ supplied by readers of The Defender. Never a week passes but what we hold at least five public services in addition to all the other lines of work."

Although Cuba is very near the shores of the United States, it represents one of the most needy missionary fields to be found anywhere on the face of the earth.

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Pain and their co-workers!

Paul Revere, A Peacemaker

AMERICAN newspapers carried reports a few days ago that "one of the most cruel and brutal wars ever fought in Africa is closing in Liberia."

The despatch explained that native chiefs of the Kru tribes refused to yield to the Liberian government four years ago, and blocked off a territory 100 miles square, along the lower coast, as their own. In this area, a savage war has been going on ever since. The newspapers stated:

"Over 30,000 natives have been slain, many of them starved, mutilated and eaten in the jungle struggle. Thousands of native men and women were killed outright and their bodies left to the beasts".

However, press reports failed to mention that Paul Revere, a native Kru, now the educated Superintendent of the Defenders Movement in West Africa, was to a great extent responsible for the sudden turn of events which resulted in bringing peace to that part

of the world.

Last August, Mr. Revere started on a jungle tour of evangelism which took him through this entire territory. He wrote Wichita Headquarters at the time:

"I am in the war-torn sections. The people are hearing the Gospel for the first time. They want to quit fighting and live peaceful lives as soon as they hear the message of Christ and redeeming love.

"I feel it my duty to bring about peace in every way possible. I am getting results in my efforts to harmonize things between the Government and the Wisseho tribe . . . The suffering is terrible."

Back in Monrovia, on October 24, 1936, he wrote as follows: "I am home from the fighting zone where I have been daily preaching and working with leaders to end war among the people. I have been so successful that I shall always thank God.

"To describe the scenes of my experiences on the Kru coast would be impossible. Never have I gone through anything like it. I have travelled on land, through thick jungles, by whale boat and on foot. I have walked 60 miles, preaching all the way.

"Other peacemakers visited the tribes carrying tobacco and rum, but they failed to get results. When I told them the Gospel and talked with the leaders of both sides, it was different."

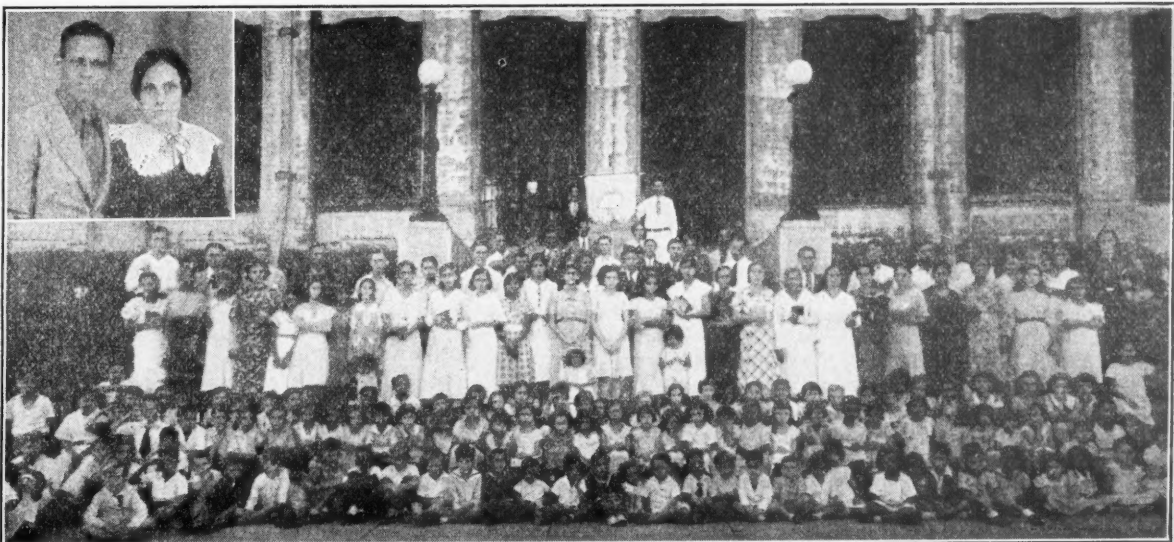
The foregoing experience is simply another miraculous event in the life of Paul Revere — a man who has been signally blessed of God since his conversion from savagery as a boy.

His ministry in Liberia is made possible solely through the prayers and financial contributions of the Readers of this Magazine.

Horace Greeley said, "It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people; The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom."

Andrew Jackson said, "It (the Bible) is the rock on which our Republic rests."

A Great Congregation of Defender Worshipers In Puerto Rico



THIS photograph was taken on the steps of the postoffice at San Juan, Puerto Rico a few days ago. It shows the entire Sunday School, and a part of the adult congregation, of the San Juan Defenders Tabernacle.

This reflects the spiritual fruition of years of labor. Here are scores of lives, made beautiful through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The pastor, Rev. Julio Diaz, and his wife, are shown in the upper left-hand corner.

The impact of American culture is more readily noted in San Juan than any other city on the Island. In many respects, it resembles some of the

Spanish communities of the southern part of the United States.

But upon leaving the Capital city, the tourist journeys through miles of undeveloped territory and sees tens of thousands of poor, suffering, benighted people who represent as great a missionary challenge as one would expect to find in China or Africa. And yet, the Puerto Ricans are American citizens; they live under the Stars and Stripes!

In planning your missionary giving for 1937, don't forget the great work of the Defenders Movement on this Island.

By radio; through tracts, books, Bibles, magazines and other literature; in various Gospel centers dotted over all parts of the Island; by means of constant, vigorous evangelism; through open-air preaching points, the Bible College, and otherwise, Superintendent J. F. Rodriguez and his co-workers continue to herald the Message—week after week.

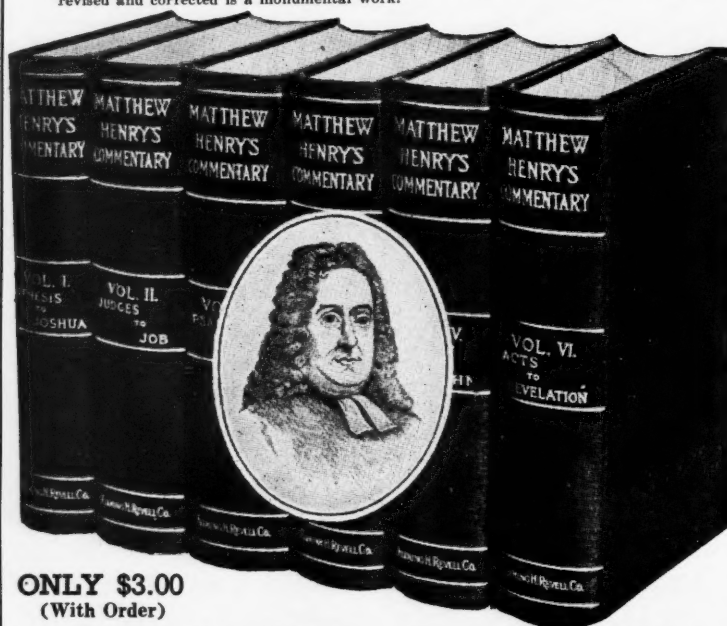
The extent of their labors is determined by the amount of the "tithes and offerings" received at Defenders Headquarters. Pray that all the requirements for the month of January will be met.

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